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Shinui asks debate on early-election bill

By SARAH HONIG
Post Political Reporter

TEL AVIV. — Shinui has asked the Knesset secretariat to schedule a debate tomorrow on its early elections bill. The move surprised all parties in the House.

Shinui and the Alignment were vying over which would reap credit for introducing the bill first, and Shinui's move dismayed the Alignment. Labour is still seeking to dissuade Shinui from any rash moves, noting that the opposition is not assured of the minimum 61 Knesset votes necessary to reschedule elections.

The failure of the bill would make it impossible to present another election bill for six months. This is without counting the Knesset process, which could delay presentation of such a bill by as much as nine months.

Most coalition parties came out against early elections or indicated that they would oppose them. The opposition would have to win over 70 votes in order to legislate early elections. But Tami gave no signals about its stand yesterday.

Even the coalition's latest hope, former minister without portfolio Mordechai Ben-Porat (who resigned Sunday), yesterday indicated that he would not rush into supporting an early-elections bill.

The coalition executive met yesterday and none of its components proposed or even hinted support for early elections. For the time being, at least, the coalition seems to be sticking by the agreement that support for early elections would have to be agreed upon and coordinated by all coalition parties.

A similar situation emerged at yesterday's session of the Likud Knesset faction, where despite some reports of rumblings in favour of early elections, no one openly advocated them. The line established by Prime Minister Yitzhak Shamir, that such elections would be a disaster for the ailing economy, was accepted.

Speakers seemed to derive encouragement from the recent mini-boom at the stock market and from other economic indicators.

This, it was argued, shows that the policies of Finance Minister Yigal Cohen-Orgad are beginning to pay off. The Likud should allow these policies to succeed and then go to the electorate, it was said.

The meeting finally decided against early elections. Polling day (Continued on Page 2, Col. 7)



Yona Avrushi (left) is brought to court in Jerusalem yesterday for a remand hearing. (Elihu Harari)

Police: Avrushi alibis contradict each other

By MICHAEL EILAN
Jerusalem Post Reporter

The three alibis given by Yona Avrushi, the man suspected of murdering Emil Grunzweig, contradict each other, police said in court yesterday.

Sgan-Nitzav Shimon Tal, who has been interrogating Avrushi, said: "He just couldn't have been in three different places at the same time."

Tal was speaking in a remand hearing in which police obtained an additional 14-day order to hold Avrushi.

Tal promised in court that an indictment would be filed against Avrushi within the next 14 days.

In her decision to extend Avrushi's remand, Judge Moussa Arad said that the evidence police (Continued on back page)

3 more grenades found by police near Temple Mount

Jerusalem Post Staff

Three more IDF grenades were found yesterday morning near St. Stephens Gate outside Jerusalem's Old City, and police say these also must have been dropped by the men who tried to attack the Temple Mount last Friday morning.

The three grenades were found by a passer-by in a canvas army canteen holder.

Another three grenades were found in a similar holder on Saturday near the spot where several men tried to get into the Temple Mount compound loaded with grenades and explosives. Police have now recovered 22 grenades left behind by the attackers.

Police would not confirm whether the grenades found yesterday were of the same production series as those found in attacks attributed to the Terror Against Terror (TNT) group. (Continued on back page)

62 killed on roads in 'bloody' January

By YITZHAK OKED
Jerusalem Post Reporter

TEL AVIV. — January was one of the bloodiest months ever on Israel's roads. During the first 29 days of the month, 62 people were killed and 218 seriously injured. Last January, with worse storms and heavier rains, 46 people were killed.

Moshe Amirav, head of the Road Safety Authority fears that the increase in road deaths will continue, sending Israel back to the 1970s, when the yearly average of deaths on the roads was about 620. By comparison, the total number of

soldiers killed in the Lebanon war is 567.

During the past three years, the yearly average of persons killed on the roads was about 420.

Amirav believes that the situation will not improve until a national traffic police force is established.

Police Inspector-General Arye Itzhan said that in principle the police favour establishing a national traffic police division but will not do so unless it receives an appropriate budget. The police want \$5m. for the national traffic division during its first year of operation.

Fuel prices increase 14%

Jerusalem Post Reporter

Fuel prices went up at midnight yesterday by 14 per cent, in accordance with the policy of the Treasury and Energy Ministry to adjust fuel prices monthly to keep pace with the devaluation of the shekel.

Prices are as follows:

	Includes VAT	New IS	Old IS
Petrol 91 octane (litre)	-	74.00	65.00
Petrol 96 octane (litre)	-	87.00	76.00
Diesel fuel (litre)	-	59.40	52.10
Kerosene (litre)	-	61.90	54.30
Cooking gas (12-kg. canister)	-	1,185.00	1,039.00
Heavy oil for electricity (ton)	-	22,188.00	19,463.00
Heavy oil for industry (ton)	-	24,166.00	21,198.00

The 14 per cent increase in electricity prices resulting from the previous fuel price hike has not been approved this month by the Knesset Finance Committee, which means a further increase in the deficit of the Electric Corporation.

U.S. impatient about Israel economic plan

By AVI TEMKIN
Post Economic Reporter

The U.S. is urging Israel to implement the Treasury's economic policy and wants to see results soon, Finance Minister Yigal Cohen-Orgad said yesterday. But, he added, the Reagan administration is pessimistic about the Treasury's chances of implementing such a policy before there is a crisis.

Cohen-Orgad met with the coalition members of the Knesset Finance Committee to complain about their not approving tax measures proposed by the Treasury since last August. But the Treasury's problems are not limited to coalition MKs.

According to Treasury officials, almost none of the ministries has reached an agreement with the Finance Ministry on their expenditures for the coming fiscal year. This means that the budget for 1984/85 will not be tabled at the Knesset by next Wednesday as required by law.

The Treasury officials added that Cohen-Orgad expects to present the final budget proposal to the Knesset within two weeks, but this is still not certain.

Cohen-Orgad held consultations yesterday with Justice Minister Moshe Nissim on the legal aspects of not presenting the budget on time and asked him to table a bill empowering him to delay the presentation.

During the meeting with Knesset Finance Committee members, Cohen-Orgad was given a hint of what to expect from coalition partners when MK Aharon Abuhatzira (Tami) said that for two years he had let a single man determine economic policy (a reference to former finance minister Yoram Aridor) and now he

regrets this. Abuhatzira said he will demand consultations on every issue related to economic policy.

Committee chairman MK Shlomo Lorintz (Agudat Yisrael) agreed that such consultations should take place, but added that the findings of such talks should be binding.

Lorintz added that a situation where two coalition members, Abuhatzira and Avraham Melamed (National Religious Party) block the Treasury's requests is intolerable. The coalition members will meet today, and this time the (Continued on Page 7)

Elections colour Knesset tax talks

Post Economic Reporter

The smell of early elections was very much in the air yesterday as coalition members of the Knesset Finance Committee met with Finance Minister Yigal Cohen-Orgad to discuss the approval of several tax measures.

MK Aharon Abuhatzira was concerned by the lack of foreign currency. "Yoram Aridor wasted all available dollars during the last election campaign and left none for the coming one," he said.

MK Dan Tichon (Liberal) questioned the wisdom of new taxes as elections come closer. "If there are going to be elections it's better not to approve any of the proposed taxes," he said.

The coalition chairman, MK Avraham Shapira (Agudat Yisrael) was optimistic. "In six months the success of the economic policy will be visible and the Alignment will not be able to win elections. That is the real reason for the initiative for early polls," he declared.

Local authorities strike continues

By MICHAEL YUDELMAN
Jerusalem Post Reporter

The local authority workers' strike will continue for the third day today, following the finance minister's rejection of the workers' wage demands.

But in Herzliya, the municipal workers went back to work after mayor Eli Landau gave them a pay rise.

The nationwide strike has stopped garbage collection, closed down almost all other municipal services and affected the functioning of some hospitals.

Kindergartens run by the local authorities will close at 11 a.m. today and will be closed altogether beginning tomorrow if the strike in

the local authorities is not settled by then.

Negotiations between the union of local authorities and the Histadrut clerks union and representatives of the workers ended almost before they began yesterday afternoon after the workers refused to back down on their demands.

"The workers' demands are justified, but our hands are tied by the finance and interior ministries," Petah Tikva Mayor Dov Tavori, who represents the union of local authorities, said after the meeting with the clerks union.

The workers have three demands: • A wage rise for the lowest three grades of workers, which would bring their salaries up to 50% of the

national average wage.

• Government observance of the wage agreement with 6,000 after-school education workers.

• Improvement of the promotions system.

But Finance Minister Yigal Cohen-Orgad told ULA representatives yesterday that he rejects all wage demands except those of workers in the very lowest scale, who could be given a raise.

ULA representatives and mayors of the major cities are due today to meet in the office of Jerusalem Mayor Teddy Kollek to discuss a possible solution to the strike. If they come up with new recommendations, they will meet in the afternoon with Histadrut and other representatives.

Zamir seeks clarifications on Herzliya wage agreement

By MICHAEL YUDELMAN
Jerusalem Post Reporter

TEL AVIV. — Attorney-General Yitzhak Zamir yesterday asked Herzliya Mayor Eli Landau for immediate clarifications about the separate wage agreement Landau signed with his municipal workers, in violation of the 1983 budget law.

Zamir cabled Landau with this request after the Attorney-General was asked by Interior Ministry director-general Haim Kubersky to consider taking legal steps against Landau for signing the agreement.

In his telegram to Landau, Zamir wrote that the wage agreement signed in Herzliya is in violation of the 1983 budget law and therefore null and void.

"We are checking the matter," Landau said yesterday. He said he had not received Zamir's telegram yet.

Landau signed a wage agreement granting Herzliya's municipal workers in the lowest three grades an approximate 152,000 raise, ending the workers' strike.

Asked whether he was considering cancelling the wage agreement following the pressure from the Interior Ministry, Landau said he was considering only what was best for Herzliya's residents.

Landau said he gave raises to workers who earned IS18,000 because they deserve it. Asked how he could defy the Interior Ministry, which allocates funds to local authorities, Landau said the ministry has not given the city funds for the past 90 days.

Landau said: "The government cannot stop funds to local authorities and then demand that they abide by the law. First, the government must obey the law and transfer the funds; then it can ask the municipalities to keep the law too."

Local Authorities Union Chairman Pinhas Eilon yesterday denounced the separate wage agreement signed in Herzliya on the grounds that the local authorities must present a united front when negotiating with the government.

Tami to 'save' IS4b. by hiking NII fees

Jerusalem Post Reporter

The IS4 billion savings in the welfare budget promised by Tami the Treasury is to be effected mainly by raising contributions to the National Insurance Institute and to a lesser extent by cutting benefits and services, the Labour and Social Affairs Ministry announced yesterday.

The proposals for increasing NII revenue and cutting benefits were submitted to the Treasury yesterday by Deputy Minister of Labour and Social Affairs Ben-Zion Rubin.

Close to IS3.5b. is to be saved by: raising the income ceilings on contributions, so that the better-off will pay more; taxing child allowances on the first two children in the 50 per cent tax bracket; and raising contributions paid by groups such as kibbutzim.

The rest of the cuts are to be made by revising the payments made for reserve duty, reducing mobility allowances that enable the severely handicapped to purchase cars, and in several other areas.

Reagan-Bush team to run for re-election

WASHINGTON (Reuters). — President Reagan, saying he needs more time to work for peace and prosperity, has ended months of guessing by Americans and announced he will seek re-election in November.

Reagan disclosed his candidacy for a second term in a five-minute televised speech from the White House Sunday night.

Reagan, a former Hollywood actor who will be 73 on February 6 and is the oldest U.S. president in history, confirmed that Vice-President George Bush would be on

the Republican ticket in November. Reagan said his decision to seek re-election was a difficult one but he felt he should continue his efforts to create jobs, control government spending and seek world peace.

"Vice-President Bush and I would like to have your support and cooperation in completing what we began three years ago," he said.

Asked on a television programme Sunday night whether the continuing role of U.S. troops in Lebanon would prove to be a political liability, Bush replied: "I don't think you can look at it as a political

question. You must do what is best for foreign policy."

The vice-president said Reagan would not withdraw troops for purely political reasons.

The president opens his election campaign with a united Republican Party behind him. He faces no serious opposition and is almost certain to be nominated at the party's national convention in August.

In contrast, eight democrats are battling for their party's presidential nomination, with former vice-president Walter Mondale far ahead in the opinion polls.

Multinational effort to halt Beirut fighting

Post Middle East Affairs Reporter and agencies

American, Saudi and French envoys arrived in Damascus yesterday in a bid to arrest the deteriorating security situation in Lebanon. But there was no sign of any breakthrough at a meeting between special U.S. envoy Robert Tumfries, who arrived from Beirut, and Syrian Foreign Minister Abdulhalim Khaddam.

Syria is apparently sticking to its tough line on efforts to secure a ceasefire in and around Beirut as a prelude to negotiating the withdrawal of all foreign forces from Lebanon.

Rumsfeld jokingly told reporters after the meeting that Khaddam had suggested during the talks that he

Rumsfeld, had been "wrongly briefed" in Washington and should stay on in Damascus for a couple of days to allow Khaddam to brief him on "the exact situation."

Khaddam also met yesterday with the secretary general of France's External Relations Ministry, Francis Guttman. Reports from Beirut before Guttman's arrival in Damascus suggested that he would be so finding out Khaddam on Syria's position on the possible replacement of the multi-national force in Beirut with a UN force.

Also in Damascus yesterday was Rafik al-Hariri, the Saudi mediator who negotiated the stalled plan to separate the warring Christian, Druse and Shi'ite factions in and around Beirut.

Egypt's diplomatic triumph: readmission to Islamic body

By DAVID BERNSTEIN
Post Middle East Affairs Reporter and agencies

Egypt scored a major diplomatic victory yesterday when it accepted formal invitation to rejoin the Islamic Conference Organization without having to repudiate its peace treaty with Israel.

The ICO summit in Casablanca earlier this month overrode the opposition by Syrian-led radicals and evolved to end Egypt's suspension

from the organization, decreed when it signed the peace treaty in 1979.

Guinean President Sekou Toure arrived in Cairo yesterday with the formal invitation.

"Of course we accept the invitation," Egyptian President Hosni Mubarak was quoted as telling reporters, stressing that there is "no indication of any encroachment" on the Egyptian position. (Continued on back page)

DAVID LANDAU reports from Argentina:

Alfonsin adviser sees nonaligned role for Argentina

BUENOS AIRES. — The new democratic Argentina can play "an important moderating role" in the nonaligned movement, says Dr. Angel Robledo, adviser to President Raul Alfonsin, and a former Argentine foreign minister.

The military junta, he recalls, professed ardent devotion to non-alignment as an emotive reaction to America's "betrayal" over the Falklands (Malvinas). But for the civilian government, nonalignment is a fundamental and sincerely-held tenet of policy. It is dictated, says Robledo, by Argentina's basic interests.

The late president Juan Domingo Peron, says Robledo, was an early apostle of nonalignment. In his political philosophy of the "Third Position," enunciated in 1950, he antedated the Bandung Conference by half a decade.

Argentina today should take its place alongside such founding nations of nonalignment as India, Egypt and Yugoslavia, with an appropriate voice in the councils of the Third World.

Robledo himself, an elderly intellectual behind horn-rimmed glasses, is the veritable embodiment of Argentina's current effort to con-

solidate its return to democracy. A loyal and leading Peronist — he fought for, but lost, the party's presidential nomination last year — he now serves (without pay) as a top adviser to Radical President Alfonsin.

"My importance is more apparent than real," says Robledo, speaking through an interpreter. Other, more objective observers say the reverse is the case. They say Robledo's long experience in international politics and in diplomacy carries much weight in the Pink House, the imposing presidential building on the Plaza de Mayo.

A diplomat serving here said Alfonsin's request to Robledo to join his team was "a grand gesture, well received." Robledo is universally respected as a Peronist of high intellectual calibre and impeccable integrity — not a common phenomenon among the followers of Peron and Evita.

Robledo stresses that he was "very clear with Alfonsin in stressing my Peronist loyalty. I am an adviser from the viewpoint of Peronism."

This could be a crucial role; the ruling Radicals and opposition Peronists are now locked in conflict

over potentially divisive, explosive issues: Union reforms, reformed military and judicial appointments, Alfonsin's proposals to clean up the union are particularly delicate: The unions are traditionally the Peronists' main power-base.

In foreign policy, Robledo's presence is more than useful as the government moves to tackle such longstanding and emotion-laden problems as the Beagle Channel dispute with Chile, the Falklands conflict with Great Britain — and the \$40 billion foreign debt which hangs

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	30.1.1984	MIN.	MAX.	
AMSTERDAM	4	30	8	Cloudy
BRUSSELS	1	24	8	Cloudy
BUEENOS AIRES	18	64	30	Clear
CHICAGO	1	34	30	Clear
COPENHAGEN	1	30	27	Clear
FRANKFURT	4	30	7	Clear
GENEVA	4	30	7	Clear
HONG KONG	13	21	42	Cloudy
LOS ANGELES	16	61	29	Clear
LONDON	2	37	10	Clear
MADRID	2	38	6	Clear
MONTREAL	18	0	9	Clear
NEW YORK	1	30	14	Clear
PARIS	3	27	28	Snow
RIO DE JANEIRO	21	70	38	Clear
SAO PAULO	19	66	32	Cloudy
STOCKHOLM	1	30	8	Cloudy
TORONTO	3	23	10	Cloudy
VIENNA	3	27	0	Snow
ZURICH	4	26	6	Clear

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THE WEATHER

Forecast: Partly cloudy.

	Yesterday's	Humidity	Min-Max	Today's
Jerusalem	65	7-11	12	
Golan	74	2-11	12	
Nahariya	58	7-19	19	
Safed	81	4-10	11	
Haifa Port	66	12-18	18	
Tiberias	75	10-16	17	
Nazareth	62	7-14	15	
Afula	65	5-18	18	
Shomron	68	7-13	14	
Tel Aviv	73	11-17	18	
B-Q Airport	69	10-16	17	
Jericho	54	9-20	20	
Gaza	70	9-17	17	
Beer Sheva	32	6-16	17	
Eilat	32	7-21	22	

SOCIAL & PERSONAL

Speaker of the Knesset Menahem Begin yesterday met H.E. Miguel F. Barandiaran Barandiaran, ambassador of Peru.

Four research grants and 20 prizes for academic excellence, totalling \$100,000, have been allocated to the Hebrew University of Jerusalem by Latin American industrialist Rubin Bird. The prizes and grants are for the current academic year. The prizes will be presented to outstanding graduate students at the university who are candidates for master's and doctoral degrees. The research grants are in the areas of clinical psychiatry, medicine, mathematics and computer science.

Prof. Ram Moav, 53

BEIT ELAZARI (Itin). — Hebrew University Prof. Ram Moav died yesterday morning in his home, at this moshav near Rehovot after a protracted illness.

Born in Tel Aviv in 1930, Moav was a geneticist who experimented with carp and fowl production.

He was a relation of the poet Rahel and fought with distinction in the Palmah's Yiftah Brigade in the War of Independence.

He will be buried today in Rehovot.

Maccabi TA downs Hapoel TA, 97-82

By DON GOULD

Post Basketball Reporter
TEL AVIV. — Champion Maccabi Tel Aviv reversed an early-season four-point defeat with a strong 97-82 derby victory over Hapoel Tel Aviv last night at the Yad Eliyahu stadium here.

Maccabi's front line of Perry (20 points), Brickowski (19 points) and Lasso (17 points) were far too much for Hapoel to handle.

Mickey Berkowitz added 18 for the winners, who put every player on the scoring column on the way to victory.

Results of other games:
Hapoel Upper Galilee 71, Maccabi Haifa 76
Hapoel Haifa 52, Hapoel Afula 61
Maccabi Kiryat Motzkin 79, Maccabi South Tel Aviv 60
Hapoel Holon 106, Beitar Tel Aviv 83

Universities' council warns against new cuts

By CHARLES HOFFMAN

Jerusalem Post Reporter
The Council for Higher Education yesterday warned that the foundations of the university system may be destroyed if the budget cuts demanded by the government are carried out.

In a statement yesterday, the heads of the council's Planning and Grants Committee noted that they reached this grim conclusion following three weeks of intensive discussions with university administrations over ways to cut the budget by 8 per cent for next year. The council agreed to impose this cut in December, following Treasury pressure.

The universities reported that they are trying to make cuts by firing academic and non-academic staff, by not filling vacant posts, and by closing academic units. They have also begun discussions with

HOME NEWS

Knesset body in probe of lands administration

By AARON SITTNER

Jerusalem Post Reporter

The Knesset's State Control Committee yesterday began investigating "serious irregularities" in the functioning of the State Lands Administration.

Committee chairman Avraham Katz-Oz yesterday summoned administration chief Moshe Lipka to answer questions raised by the State Comptroller concerning tourism projects in the North. According to the State Comptroller, the State Lands Administration had allocated public land to investors who had undertaken to build hotels in Tiberias and Nazareth.

Despite these investors' failure to live up to their obligations, the administration has renewed and extended their licences without charging the customary leasing fees set by the Official Assessor's Office. As a result, more than IS20 million have been lost to the administration (in June 1983 prices), the State

Comptroller discovered. In an "extremely desirable" commercial zone of Tel Aviv, the administration allocated land without a tender to a construction company, arguing that no other body had shown an interest in the parcel. This was just not so, said the State Comptroller, and Lands Administration director Lipka will now have to answer to that charge.

Other points critical of the State Lands Administration are:
• Allocating of land, without tender, to persons living in acceptable housing when that land had been set aside for persons living in substandard housing.
• Failure to take legal action against squatters on state property.

State Comptroller Yitzhak Tunik, who attended yesterday's meeting, said the administration must perform its duties "as a genuine public trustee," and recommended personnel shifts within the administration where these are deemed advisable in the light of the findings.

Union, employers to meet on compensatory pay hikes

By JOSHUA BRILLIANT

Jerusalem Post Reporter

TEL AVIV. — Histadrut Trade Union Department officials and representatives of the Manufacturers' Association have agreed to meet on Friday to negotiate compensation for erosion in workers' pay.

The talks follow the recent agreement between the government and the labour federation over compensation to public and civil servants. That agreement does not apply to workers in privately owned enterprises.

But Yitzhak Giladi, the secretary of the Metal and Electronics Workers Union, told *The Jerusalem Post* he did not expect an early agreement patterned after the deal with the government.

In preliminary talks, the employers presented statistics proving that during the past year workers did not suffer from wage erosion as badly as public servants. Even when the IS5,000 rise to public servants is taken into account, workers in privately owned enterprises are at an advantage, a spokeswoman for the Manufacturers' Association said.

But the Histadrut chose another set of figures proving that during the past three months erosion in pay has been as bad in the privately owned sector as in public services.

Meanwhile, several companies have concluded separate deals with their employees. One firm signed an agreement giving workers a 13 per cent rise — or 25 per cent to essential employees. The agreement adds that if the envisaged Histadrut-Manufacturers' Association agreement will provide for bigger increases, the latter agreement will be honoured.

Meanwhile the Engineers Union called off the strikes it had planned for this week and next Sunday.

The engineers are fighting for a new wage scale based on education, advanced courses and merit.

They had planned to hit the defence establishment and the Histadrut tomorrow with a strike in the Israel Aircraft Industries and on Sunday with a walk-out at Histadrut enterprises including Solel Boneh and Koor.

Their decision to postpone action followed appeals by Defence Minister Moshe Arens and Histadrut Secretary-General Yehoram Meshel.

Eli Cohen-Kagan, the union's deputy secretary, told *The Post* that Meshel has promised to raise the engineers' demands at Sunday's Central Committee meeting. Arens, Cohen-Kagan noted, is a member of the union. He is an aeronautical engineer.

Day-care burden to be eased

By CHARLES HOFFMAN

Jerusalem Post Reporters

The Ministry of Labour and Social Affairs yesterday announced it would ease payment terms for child day-care and would appoint a public committee to examine the cost of services in centres run by Na'amat, WIZO and Emuna.

The ministry was responding to an outcry among working mothers, who began this month faced with a 52 per cent increase in day-care fees. Members of an *ad hoc* parents committee in Jerusalem demonstrated yesterday outside the ministry against the steep fee hike.

The 52 per cent increase was in accordance with the ministry's policy of raising day-care fees every three months, parallel to the cost-of-living increment received by wage earners. But the ministry did not take into account that the current C-o-L increment would be split over three months.

The fees for January were raised to a maximum of IS12,950 for a child and IS16,700 for an infant. According to the graded fee schedule, women whose gross monthly salary is over IS32,000 are not eligible for subsidies from the ministry. Women receiving the maximum subsidy pay

IS3,750 for a child and IS5,000 for an infant.

Ministry officials said after meeting with representatives of the committee that payment of the fee increase would also be spread out over three months to ease the burden on young families. A new graded fee schedule would also be worked out, they said.

Committee representative Ruth Baniel noted that a woman who earns IS25,000 a month net has to pay IS26,000 a month to keep two children in a day-care centre. She charged that the costs claimed by the women's organizations are inflated and said they are profiting at the expense of working mothers.

Similar sentiments were expressed by ministry officials, although not for attribution.

The reason parents are paying more at day-care centres is not only because inflation has raised costs, but also because the government's share of the burden, which averaged 40 per cent last year, is now only about 19 per cent, Na'amat secretary-general Masha Lubelsky told a press conference yesterday.

Lubelsky reiterated a Na'amat proposal to eliminate payroll taxes on day-care employees.

Smoking in public places stops tomorrow

By YITZHAK OKED

Jerusalem Post Reporter

TEL AVIV. — Although the law prohibiting smoking in public places takes effect tomorrow, many of the people interviewed yesterday by *The Jerusalem Post* were completely unfamiliar with the new legislation.

When informed about it, these people tended to shrug their shoulders and declare that it would be another law not carried out.

The lawmakers apparently left loopholes in enforcing the ban and also in catering to the smoking public's needs when determining what constitutes a public place.

For example, it will be prohibited to smoke in schools, except in

designated areas in the teachers' room. But there is nothing specified about kindergartens.

Smoking will be forbidden on all urban and interurban buses. Still a person on a one-hour flight from Tel Aviv to Eilat can smoke in certain areas of the plane. The Tel Aviv-Eilat bus ride takes six hours.

Who can enforce the law? Only policemen or city inspectors and other persons appointed by the Health Ministry. But lack of funds have kept the ministry from appointing anyone and from publicizing the law.

A person caught smoking in a public place will be fined IS5,000, pegged to the consumer price index. A public place which does not have

a no-smoking sign will be fined IS10,000, also linked to the CPI.

According to the law, public places are also elevators, cinemas, theatres, libraries, pharmacies, hospitals, infirmaries, clinics (including the waiting rooms) and halls if discussions or speeches are taking place. However, if the hall is the scene of a festive occasion, such as a wedding, smoking is permitted.

Bus drivers, who evidently will carry the brunt of enforcing the law, are not pleased. Nearly all of them questioned yesterday said they are not policemen.

Officials of the two large bus cooperatives, Egged and Dan, said they have informed their drivers about the law.



Garbage piles up on a Tel Aviv street near the Carmel Market yesterday on the second day of the local authorities' strike. (Dvora Goldberg (FPA))

Australian FM: Sinai force keeps the peace

By ASHER WALLFISH

Post Diplomatic Reporter

Australian Foreign Minister Bill Hayden said yesterday that the MFO (Multi-National Force and Observers) in the Sinai had enhanced stability in the region, made it easier for Egypt to transfer valuable resources from military to civilian development, and made it impossible for both sides (Israel and Egypt) to launch surprise attacks on each other.

But Hayden would not say whether he would recommend that his government and parliament extend the mandate of the Australian contingent to the MFO, which expires March 31.

He conceded that while leader of the Labour opposition, before last year's elections, he campaigned against sending Australians to Sinai. Labour wanted Australian soldiers in UN forces only, he said, since it feared that major powers might send non-international forces to strife-torn areas in order to extend their spheres of influence and

manipulate client states.

Hayden told a press conference that Egyptian leaders rejected the insinuation that Camp David made possible Israel's invasion of Southern Lebanon. These leaders said Israel could have invaded Lebanon anyway and Hayden noted that Israel had always been geared to a possible conflict on all its borders, if the need arose.

He rejected out of hand dispatches from Australian journalists in his party alleging that his visit to Palestine Arab refugee camps on the West Bank had annoyed his Israeli hosts and caused hostile reactions.

Officials in his party told *The Jerusalem Post* that the dispatches were "nonsense" and "a total figment of the imagination." Hayden recalled his government's policy statement last September 30 calling for a freeze on West Bank settlement and said of his working session with Prime Minister Yitzhak Shamir yesterday morning: "There are differences of opinion between us."

According to an Israeli source, Shamir told Hayden that many West Bank Arabs now admitted frankly that they were wrong to reject the autonomy proposals offered in the Camp David agreement, because their rejectionism had led nowhere and merely lost the Arabs precious time.

Sources in the Australian party told *The Post* yesterday that Arab notables who called on Hayden told him that while PLO chairman Yasser Arafat remained a valuable symbol for the West Bank and Gaza Arabs, Arafat would have to give greater representation to the views and needs of the Arabs under Israeli occupation.

Last night at an official dinner for Hayden, Shamir expressed the hope that Australia would maintain its contingent in the MFO. Hayden, noting Australia's long-time friendship for Israel, urged this country to recognize the Palestinians' rights to self-determination.

Hayden leaves today for Damascus.

Knesset panel to discuss Levinson

Jerusalem Post Staff

The Knesset State Control Committee will meet tomorrow to discuss the implications of the Bank Hapoalim-Ya'acov Levinson affair and will discuss whether to ask State Comptroller Yitzhak Tunik to examine the relevant facts.

The meeting will be attended by Banks' Examiner Galia Maor, Hevrat Ha'ovdim Secretary Danny Rosolio and Bank Hapoalim Chairman of the Board Ephraim Reiner. Histadrut Secretary-General Yehoram Meshel declined an invitation.

Tomorrow's meeting follows an initiative by MK Dan Tichon (Liberal). Tichon said that the comptroller should examine the link between the transactions between Bank Hapoalim and Ampal, its subsidiary, and the government's guarantee of the bank's shares.

According to Tichon, if Bank Hapoalim transferred assets and shares to Ampal while not adhering to regulations, then it could be said the government underwrote the shares.

ELECTIONS

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is now scheduled for November 1985. The Likud whip, Liberal Pinhas Goldstein, said the decision is binding on all faction members, though he admitted that mavericks Yitzhak Berman and Dror Zeigerman cannot be stopped from doing as they wish.

If Shinui indeed pushes a bill calling for elections within 35 days, it is doubtful the two could vote for it, as it would leave almost no time for the formation of a new list, much less for any meaningful campaigning on behalf of a new party.

The Likud faction representatives will now conduct contacts with what they consider to be "the coalition's weak links" to see to what degree they would support an early elections bill.

Agudat Yisrael's Shlomo Lorincz told yesterday's session they will oppose early elections.

The National Religious Party will take a stand within the next few days, but the party is hardly in a position to go to the polls. It is strife-torn and, according to some, on the verge of a split.

The Tehiya secretariat will address itself to the question today. The party has its own early-elections bill pending.

Tami is the key to any move to advance the elections. Its leaders supported the idea in principle but said they would like to see coordination with the other coalition partners.

Meanwhile, former premier Yitzhak Rabin yesterday met with MKs who support him in the Labour Party. That is seen as a prelude to a possible renewed challenge by Rabin against the leadership of chairman Shimon Peres in the event that early elections are called.

Firm matchmakes Thai women and invalids

By YA'ACOV FRIEDLER

Jerusalem Post Reporter

HAIFA. — The latest thing in "personal imports" are young women from the Far East.

Big Buffalo, a newly established Haifa company, is specializing in bringing young women from Thailand and the Philippines to look after, or marry, invalids, for a wage of \$200 a month and a fee to the company.

The founder and general manager, 35-year-old Haifa-born Solo Lejbovitz, a former combat medic, told *The Jerusalem Post* that he considered himself an expert in the field because of his experience

with the wounded and the five years he spent in the Far East.

He caters only for the badly disabled, either as the result of war or accidents, "who are broken and need constant care or companionship but can't afford to pay Israeli wages, or can't find an Israeli woman who will marry them."

Israel has a particularly large number of invalids, due to the wars. But the Defence Ministry stopped short of providing them with brides or caretakers. "That's where I come in," he said.

At the other end, in the Far East, there are tens of thousands of girls

either out of work or earning about \$20 a month, for whom a \$200 salary "is like a promise of Paradise, enough to support their families."

As he sees it, these girls are "the last hope" for the invalids and, for them, coming to Israel is a matter of "survival."

They did not need special training to look after invalids "because from an early age the girls there are taught how to treat a man, and become ideal wives or women."

He required the invalids to pay the girls, even if they marry them, "as it is an old Thai custom to help keep the brides' family."

Lejbovitz offers brides aged from 18 to 30 "even for invalids confined to bed or wheelchair." The brides will be flown to Greece to meet the invalids and, subject to mutual agreement, will get married there in a civil ceremony "or by marriage contract." This costs \$1800 for air tickets, passports, etc., and a fee of \$1000 plus VAT for Big Buffalo.

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In loving memory of our beloved

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5 years since his passing

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we will hold a graveside memorial service on Wednesday,
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Bus transport at 2 p.m. from the Holon
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We share the grief of our member

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The Israel Philharmonic Orchestra
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HOME NEWS

Hope for rose exports to U.S. says Grupper

By AARON SITTNER
Jerusalem Post Reporter

The wildest promise of large-scale rose exports to the U.S. may spring back to life if the free trade area talks with Washington succeed. Agriculture Minister Pessah Grupper said yesterday. He spoke at a press conference in the Knesset with U.S. Secretary of Agriculture John Block, who wound up a two-day visit to Israel.

Because of heavy government subsidies to local rose breeders, Grupper explained, American growers charged that the import of roses from Israel constitutes unfair competition. As a result, the U.S. authorities have made Israeli rose exports to the U.S. uneconomical, subjecting them to protective measures.

Like Grupper, Block expressed the hope that the tariff barriers between Israel and the U.S. would soon come down, boosting the movement of agricultural products as well as industrial goods between the two countries. At present, Israel buys approximately \$280m. worth annually of agricultural products from the U.S. and exports \$30m. worth, mainly tomato products and meat.

The Israeli purchases are paid for with economic assistance funds granted by the American government.

Block told reporters he was impressed with the new grain silo he had seen yesterday in Ashdod Port,

a facility that was funded by the American Commodity Credit Corporation. He hoped the silo would serve as another instrument in helping solve the world's food problems.

Block also praised the Israeli-perfected drip irrigation system which he said "is superior to sprinkler systems since plant roots do not have to go searching for water, and there is less moisture lost through evaporation."

Before leaving for Algeria and Morocco, where he will offer similar American cooperation to those countries, Block and Grupper issued the following joint statement:

"The secretary and the minister exchanged information on the current agricultural situation, long-term development plans, possibilities of trade, bilateral transfer of technology to developing countries and the enlargement of joint research and development activities in the two countries."

"Recognizing the valuable mutual benefit to be obtained from agricultural research and development, both parties agreed in principle to expand and deepen the U.S.-Israel Binational Agricultural Research and Development Fund (BARDF)."

"It was agreed that the projected free trade area between Israel and the United States holds promising possibilities for expanded agricultural trade. It was decided jointly to examine and seek solutions for those problems that may arise."

U.S. wants UNIFIL role in South Lebanon expanded

Jerusalem Post Reporter

KIRYAT SHMONA. — The countries whose contingents participate in UNIFIL are — under American prompting — currently conducting talks aimed at modifying the force's mandate.

The prospective modification is designed to enable UNIFIL to move into the areas the IDF will eventually vacate south of the Aali River.

It has been learned that the participating countries have already agreed in principle to the idea. Last week, the defence committee of the Finnish parliament visited the area and this week, the commander of the Norwegian army toured the area.

The Pentagon spokesman last

week announced that the U.S. supports the expansion of UNIFIL's territory. At the same time, UN sources stressed that the states participating in UNIFIL have agreed only to the force's operation in Southern Lebanon. "You have to be crazy to put your head into the horns' nest of Beirut," said the source.

The IDF regards UNIFIL as a viable solution to the problem of securing the areas the IDF intends to evacuate south of the Aali, but on condition that UNIFIL's operational instructions and mission will be clearly defined.

UNIFIL's mandate can only be changed or redefined by the Security Council, where the Soviet Union has a veto.

Threats breathe new life into controversial 'Messiah'

By YA'ACOV FRIEDLER
Jerusalem Post Reporter

HAIFA. — The Municipal Theatre's performances of the Martin Sherman play *Messiah*, which was to have been laid to rest accompanied by poor reviews within a fortnight, has been given a reprieve, thanks to a bomb threat.

The play has aroused the anger of Orthodox circles over such lines as "I don't believe you exist God" and "Cursed be you Almighty" spoken by one of the characters after the failure of the Shabbat Zvi messianic movement.

But late Sunday night, as the play was nearing its conclusion, a phone call, purporting to come from the extremist Keshet movement, announced that a bomb had been planted in the theatre. A search revealed nothing and the performance was concluded.

As a result of the bomb threat and threatening letters from the Orthodox extremists in Jerusalem, the theatre management has decided to keep the play alive "in order not to create the impression of surrender to non-legitimate political pressure," the theatre spokesperson announced yesterday.

Israel TV will probe its Grunzweig coverage

Jerusalem Post Reporter

Broadcasting Authority director-general Yosef Lapid yesterday conceded that Israel TV's coverage of the recent Knesset debate on the murder of Peace Now activist Emil Grunzweig was "not balanced," and that he would investigate the matter.

At yesterday's board of directors meeting of the authority, Micha Vinon of the National Religious Party complained that the speech by MK Yossi Sarid of the Alignment was given several minutes of coverage on *Mabat* but that the response by Interior Minister Yosef Burg was very short.

Peace Now today marks Grunzweig anniversary

Peace Now will hold a 24-hour vigil outside the Prime Minister's Office today to mark the first anniversary (according to the Hebrew calendar) of Emil Grunzweig's murder during a demonstration. The vigil, which will start with a

ceremony at 5 p.m., will be one of several activities the movement plans all over the country. Vigils will also be held in Kikar Malchei Yisrael in Tel Aviv and in the centre of the Carmel in Haifa.

New research at Hadassah Hospital:

Advances made on choosing baby's sex

By MARGERY GREENFELD
Jerusalem Post Reporter

A new method for choosing the sex of one's baby has been developed at Hadassah Hospital, Ein Kerem, where test results show that a 40-year-old mother of six girls is carrying a male fetus, just as she "ordered."

But medical observers cautioned that while the method has had an 80 per cent success rate in laboratory tests, it is premature to judge the effectiveness of the method in humans on the basis of just one pregnancy. With the probability of conceiving a male child at nearly 50-50, it is possible that the Jerusalem woman could have conceived a boy without medical intervention, they said.

The method for choosing a baby's sex has been developed by Dr. Pinhas Burstein of Hadassah's gynecology department. It is based on separating sperm cells bearing male chromosomes from those

bearing female chromosomes, and then using only the cells of the desired sex to artificially inseminate the woman.

During more than a year of research, Burstein found a way to take advantage of the fact that the "male sperm cell" moves faster than a "female one." To separate the male cells from the female cells, Burstein developed a protein solution of varying concentrations into which he infused a sperm sample. Because the male cells move faster, they were the first to reach the bottom level of the solution, while the female cells remained closer to the top.

The doctor is thus able to artificially inseminate the woman, using only cells bearing the chromosomes of the desired sex.

Eighteen couples throughout the country have been admitted to the initial programme, and of these, three women have become pregnant. So far, results are available

only for the Jerusalem mother of six girls, who is in her fifth month of pregnancy and underwent amniocentesis (testing of fluid from the amniotic sac) as is standard in pregnant women of her age. The test revealed that she was carrying a boy.

Of the 18 couples, several are interested in choosing their baby's sex to prevent passing on hereditary diseases specific to one sex which are already present in their families. There are some 200 sex-specific hereditary diseases, most of which affect only males. Other couples in the programme are desirous of having a baby of a particular sex, after having had several children of the opposite sex only.

While admitting that the method holds great promise, medical observers cautioned that the several "sex to order" pregnancies would have to be evaluated to rule out the statistical probability of having a child of the desired sex.

Arava among Agency's settlement priorities

By LIORA MORIEL
Jerusalem Post Reporter

BEERSHEBA. — The Arava is now the Jewish Agency's top priority in terms of settlement in the Negev. Eldad Gissin, the southern district director of the agency, told *The Jerusalem Post* this week.

"Forty per cent of the Negev budget last year was invested in the Arava," he said. "There is a settlement drive that has not been in evidence for many years."

There are only 5,000 people living today in 19 settlements along the Arava road to Eilat, he said. He hopes that by 1985 there will be a dozen new settlements.

In April, a Nahal (military-agriculture) settlement called Ye'elon will be established and two

civilian *mitzpim* (outposts) will also be established — Shita and Shahrut.

Gissin pointed out that the Agency's budget is only spent on settlements within the pre-1967 borders, "so there is no influence on it by government policy." He was referring to charges by Arava settlers that the government is not encouraging the region's development.

But Gissin admitted that the Housing Ministry has stopped building in the region. "During his tour of the Arava last week, Jewish Agency Executive chairman Arye Dultzin promised to meet with Housing Minister David Levy to discuss the matter," he said.

Dultzin promised to spend \$6 million on cultural and educational projects in the Southern Negev and

Arava in the next three years, from a special fund similar to the one for similar projects in Galilee, Gissin said.

Gissin also said that Moshav Ein Tamar in the Sdom basin has been given preferential treatment. Last year two of the moshav's 22 men drove over anti-tank mines on their tractors and were injured. Forty other mines were discovered on moshav land. Eventually, the IDF cordoned off the fields and declared the area a minefield.

The farmers today have planted melons on a 500-dunam plot of land, and the farmers hope to export the melons to Europe by April.

"The farmers invested \$2.5m. on their old fields, so we decided to give them a grant of \$2.5m. to start again," Gissin said.

ALFONSIN

Here Robledo indulges in the strangely aside sort of remarks about Brazil which are so frequently heard in Buenos Aires. "Brazil borders all the countries of the continent — and has made all of them feel the effects of its expansionist policies," he observes.

"It would be good if Argentina could free itself of its trade dependency on the Russians. We are ready to sell to anyone. But the fact is that the Eastern Bloc is the main buyer of our meat and grain, and even of our wine. And the Russians are pressing for equilibrium in the trade balance. This is bound to have political repercussions."

He denies, though, that Argentina's nonaligned posture is itself a political repercussion of its close trade relationship with the Soviet Union. "Nonalignment preceded the Soviet trade. It is part of our national vision. Peron pioneered the concept. He was a man ahead of his time."

Robledo readily admits that many latter-day nonaligned nations are in fact thoroughly aligned — with the east — in terms of the East-West struggle. But that is because the "nonaligned camp has no common ideology to unite them and distinguish them from capitalism and communism. They badly need one."

Argentina can help evolve one. It is hard to see how the middle-of-the-road Radical government of the hard-headed Raul Alfonsin, beset by so many pressing, pragmatic problems, might be moved by the vague, classical Peronist ideas advanced by Robledo.

In practice, at any rate, as Robledo himself points out, "Argentina must define an

autonomous foreign policy — autonomous from any group it belongs to."

Thus on the Middle East, "Argentina supports Israel's right to exist within secure borders, and at the same time it supports the right of the Palestinian people to settle on its own territory."

"Of course, a solution doesn't depend only on the Israelis and the Palestinians," Robledo adds, stressing the splits in the Arab world. "For the time being, I believe, no solution is possible."

Surveying his own party, the Peronist or "Justicialist" party as it is officially called (the word was invented by Peron), Robledo sees a yawning leadership gap. He himself, and the man who beat him for the nomination last year, Italo Luder, "are getting old. We'll be about 70 at the next presidential election in six years time."

"There will have to be a generational changeover. But for the moment, there is no one on the horizon. The party was proscribed for 30 years — and this is the result."

"We are hoping that a new leadership will emerge in our parliamentary faction during the present term."

He has warm words for a young Peronist deputy, Diego Guelar, who is a senior partner in the law firm where Robledo is a partner. "He needs to cool down a bit. But that might come with time. He has the qualities of a leader."

Guelar, however, is a Jew, and the Argentine constitution of 1853 prescribes that the president of the republic must be a Catholic.

"That is not a great problem," Robledo says airily. "We all believe the constitution needs a thorough overhaul, and that is one of the provisions that must be amended."

'500 Golan Druse apply for Israeli citizenship'

By YOEL DAR
Special to the Jerusalem Post

MAJDAL SHAMS. — Some 500 Golan Druse have applied to the Interior Ministry for Israeli citizenship, the northern district representative said yesterday.

Israel Koenig said that among those seeking Israeli citizenship are members of large clans, teachers, workers, farmers and even several clergymen who asked to remain anonymous.

Koenig stressed that the ministry thoroughly examines each request before granting citizenship. So far only 100 Druse out of 13,000 in the area hold Israeli citizenship.

It is not clear why so many Druse have recently changed their minds about citizenship. Golan Druse residents have long objected to the government's plan to issue identity cards to them in accordance with the 1981 Golan Law. In 1982, they

struck for over three months and clashed with security forces.

Pro-Syrian groups claim the majority of the Druse population has not changed its mind and still considers itself Arab Syrian by nationality and Druse by religion. The applicants, according to this view, decided to accept Israeli citizenship as a way of improving their economic situation.

"If you are not an Israeli citizen you cannot get permanent status at work, particularly in government offices," one local resident explained.

Another said that many Druse believe that the government will increase funds to the Golan if they become Israeli citizens.

Koenig, however, said the government does not exert any pressure on the Druse and all the applicants made the decision voluntarily.

Tour guides charge Sharir conducts 'personal vendetta'

By HAIM SHAPIRO
Jerusalem Post Reporter

The country's tour guides this week bitterly attacked Tourism Minister Avraham Sharir, accusing him of conducting a personal vendetta against them.

The attacks came during three regional meetings held by the guides' organization in lieu of a national convention this year. In an interview with *The Jerusalem Post* yesterday, Yossi Grau, secretary of the organization, said that he has sent some 30 letters to the minister and none have even been acknowledged.

"In his public statements, Sharir mentions everyone connected with tourism: hotel receptionists, waiters, taxi drivers, but he never mentions us except to criticize us," Grau said.

He noted that the guides have appealed to the minister on a wide range of subjects, including unlawful guiding by clergymen, minimum pay for guides and an amendment of the present law which forbids shops to pay commission to guides, all to

no avail.

Grau added that his criticism does not extend to the staff of the Tourism Ministry whom he described as very understanding and helpful.

In answer to the attack on Sharir, the minister's media adviser, Zvi Rimon, said that Sharir respects the guides and is ready to speak to them at any time and on any subject, except that of commissions, which he firmly opposes.

On another issue, the guides, who describe themselves as the Israelis with the closest links with Christians in the country, issued a strong condemnation of the recent attacks on Christian institutions, which they described as the work of extremists.

Meanwhile, the ministry announced yesterday that its inspectors had apprehended a person, whose name was not released, who had worked as a guide without a licence, mainly with local groups, since 1967. The ministry added that the person, who would be tried in magistrates court, had been employed by a number of important tour companies.

Tel Aviv plans to ban cars from centre

Jerusalem Post Reporter

TEL AVIV. — Rehov Dizengoff and other main thoroughfares in the heart of the city are to be closed to private vehicles in about six months as part of a plan to relieve traffic congestion. Deputy Mayor Dov Ben-Meir told a press conference yesterday.

Ben-Meir, who also heads the municipal traffic department, said private parking in these streets would be allowed only before 10 a.m. and after 7 p.m. The loading and unloading of commercial vehicles would be permitted only until 10 a.m.

Sidewalk parking may be

legalized as part of the plan, said Ben-Meir. A special team is to be appointed to determine which sidewalks may be used for parking.

Public transport is to get priority on Derech Haifa and Rehov Hamasger, which is to have an exclusive bus lane. Private traffic would be directed to Netivei Ayalon from Derech Hahalacha in the north, to La Guardia and later to the Jerusalem highway in the south.

A new bus terminal is to be opened near Hacharmel market for 12 bus lines serving the city centre, and the bus terminals on Allenby Street, Rehov Yonah Hanavi and Rehov Hacharmel are to be closed.

Shamir to open parley on underground fighters

Jerusalem Post Reporter

Prime Minister Yitzhak Shamir tonight is to make the opening address at an inter-university conference on underground movements, which aims to find a scientific basis to distinguish between terrorists and freedom fighters, and terrorism and wars of liberation.

The conference opens at Bar-Ilan University in Ramat Gan and is to continue tomorrow and Thursday at the Hebrew University of Jerusalem. It is sponsored by a number of Israeli and U.S. universities and by the World Zionist Organization. The proceedings of

the conference, which is being held in English, are to be published in book form and sent abroad for use by Jewish students and teachers in answering anti-Israel arguments.

It is timed to mark the 40th anniversary of the declaration, by the Irgun Zvai Leumi, of the "revolt" against the British Mandatory authorities.

VISITOR. — Yugoslav Defence Minister Admiral Branko Mamula arrived in Cairo yesterday on a Middle East tour which will also take him to Jordan, the official Middle East News Agency reported.

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Firings cause unrest at Solel Boneh quarry

Jerusalem Post Reporter

NAZARETH. — Work at the Solel Boneh quarry in Shfaram was halted yesterday for two hours in protest against the dismissal of nine Arab workers and the hiring of Jews to replace them.

The Histadrut has been asked to intervene.

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To "Bugs"
Happy Birthday
From your husband
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Chancellor Kohl intervenes in General Kiessling affair

BONN (Reuters). — West German Chancellor Helmut Kohl asked Defence Minister Manfred Woerner yesterday for an explanation of the latest events in the case of sacked NATO General Guenter Kiessling, a government spokesman said.

Kohl, who returned on Sunday from a six-day visit to Israel, is under heavy pressure to resolve the affair, which has embarrassed both the government and the military.

Many political commentators have predicted that Kohl would have to sack Woerner, who dismissed the four-star general last month as a security risk after eyewitnesses claimed to have seen him in a homosexual bar.

Kiessling, a 58-year-old bachelor who was one of NATO's two deputy supreme commanders, has consistently denied ever being in the bar and the credibility of the four

witnesses has been steadily eroded. Three of them have said they are no longer sure the man they saw in the "Tom Tom" bar in Cologne was Kiessling.

At first it seemed the military counter-intelligence service (MAD), which produced the evidence against the general, would bear the main consequences and that Woerner might survive.

But his decision to meet a Swiss magazine publisher who claimed to have taped evidence of Kiessling's homosexuality was seen as a major blunder.

State Secretary Waldemar Schreckenberger, head of the chancellery, was also summoned by Kohl yesterday, the spokesman said. Schreckenberger has been sharply criticized for attending the meeting between Woerner and the Swiss publisher, Alexander Ziegler, without telling the chancellor.

New Chinese treatment said to cure skin cancer

PEKING (AP). — Chinese researchers have developed what they claim is an effective skin cancer cure — a powerful corrosive powder of arsenic, copper sulphate, iron and other minerals poured directly on the diseased tissue.

The official newspaper *China Daily* said yesterday the powder has cured more than 10 patients by eating their skin cancers away without harming healthy skin or causing side effects.

"All are now healthy and able to do manual labour," the paper said. "Another six patients treated have had their cancers reduced almost to nothing and all other symptoms are gone."

The newspaper said the discovery was announced in the current issue of the *Chinese Journal of Integrated Traditional and Western Medicine*.

A research team led by Dr. Li

Changzhi Changxin, who now works at the Tianjin City Hospital, devised the powder, the paper said.

"A powerful corrosive, the powder directly kills cancerous cells. It also seals off surrounding blood vessels so that no bleeding occurs while the tumor is eaten away by the medicine," the paper said.

"The dead tissue can be scissored away to shorten treatment," the paper said. A 67-year-old woman at the Wangshi people's commune in Hebei Province had a small growth on her head that grew as big as a fist. She was diagnosed as suffering from skin cancer.

It said doctors at the local hospital applied the experimental powder to her head once a day.

"The malignant tissue died bit by bit, leaving a scar as small as a coin," the paper said.

Food prices in Poland up by 10%

WARSAW (Reuters). — Poland's government raised food prices by an average 10 per cent yesterday despite protests from official trade unions and leaders of the banned Solidarity labour movement.

The authorities originally wanted prices to rise by an average 15 per cent and to come into effect earlier this month. But they revised their proposals after the public revealed widespread opposition.

8 executed in China for robberies, rape

PEKING (Reuters). — Eight men have been executed in the northern Chinese port of Qingdao for a series of violent robberies and rape, a local newspaper reported.

The *Qingdao Daily* said the gang had severely injured four people and had stolen 1,500 yuan (\$700) in cash.

The executions were part of China's nationwide crackdown against crime which has resulted in thousands of people being put to death since August.

Bomb damages Motorola factory in New York

NEW YORK (Reuters). — A bomb blast caused extensive damage to a communications company factory in New York on Sunday night. A radical group pledging to fight "war-mongers and profiteers" claimed responsibility.

Police said no one was injured in the blast at the Motorola factory in New York's Queens borough.

A news agency received an anonymous phone call from a man who said the United Freedom Front planted the bomb.

Ulster rioters mark 'Bloody Sunday'

STRABANE, Northern Ireland (AP). — Roman Catholics bombarded police with scores of petrol bombs in this border town early yesterday to mark the 12th anniversary of "Bloody Sunday," when British paratroopers killed 14 unarmed Catholics.

Inspector Jim Craig, a police spokesman, said officers fired several volleys of plastic bullets at the rioters in four hours of trouble in one predominantly Catholic town. He said 180 firebombs were thrown.

The trouble flared in Strabane, lying on the border with the Irish Republic, when rioters set fire to a warehouse, then attacked firemen when they went to combat the blaze.

Earlier, Catholic mobs hurled bombs at police in Londonderry, 40 kilometres north of Strabane, after 1,000 banner-waving Catholics marched behind pipe and drum bands through the city to commemorate "Bloody Sunday."

Troops from the Parachute Regiment's 1st battalion killed 14 civil rights marchers in Londonderry January 30, 1972, when they defied a government ban.

600 Nicaraguan rebels cross to Costa Rica

SAN JOSE, Costa Rica (AP). — Nicaraguan rebel commander Eden Pastora has turned about 600 of his troops over to Costa Rican authorities because he cannot supply them, Pastora and a Costa Rican rural guard spokesman said on Sunday.

Pastora took the first contingent of men and women, some of them ill and some wounded, across the Costa Rican border on Saturday and 400 more were expected, the spokesman said.

Pastora, commander of Revolutionary Democratic Alliance troops fighting in the south, said the Nicaraguans are peasants and Indians who were fighting with him.

"We could not arm them because of a lack of rifles, uniforms, boots and especially ammunition," Pastora said in a radio broadcast heard in San Jose.

Elephant herd helps anti-drug forces in Sumatra

JAKARTA (Reuters). — A herd of rampaging elephants gave unexpected help to a police drive to stamp out widespread drug farming in northern Sumatra, the official Antara News Agency said yesterday.

The wild elephants, which had strayed from a nearby reserve, ran amok through 100 dunams of marijuana, forcing the growers to flee their flattened fields.

Police have been waging a long campaign against drug farming in northern Sumatra, which straddles the "hippie trail" stretching from Thailand to Australia by way of Bali.

SATELLITE. — China said yesterday it has launched an experimental satellite, the 14th since the Communist government began its satellite development project 14 years ago.

Gromyko's talks in Rumania to focus on nuclear policy

BUCHAREST (Reuters). — Soviet Foreign Minister Andrei Gromyko arrived in Bucharest yesterday for talks expected to focus on differences between Moscow and its Warsaw Pact ally over nuclear disarmament.

The official Agerpres news agency said Gromyko headed a delegation of four senior government and Communist Party officials, but did not say which Rumanian officials met with them. Diplomatic sources expect the visit to last two days.

Unlike other Soviet Bloc allies, Rumania maintains a comparatively independent foreign policy. It has condemned the deployment of new U.S. missiles in Western Europe and the stationing of new Soviet weapons in Czechoslovakia and East Germany in response.

Western diplomats have suggested that the Gromyko visit could be meant to smooth over differences, but might be the occasion for a stern warning to Rumania to

show more support for Moscow's stand on East-West issues.

Problems of the Communist economic group Comecon are also expected to be raised. Gromyko's party includes Deputy Premier Nikolai Tshynin, who is responsible for Comecon affairs.

Rumanian leader Nicolai Ceausescu has repeatedly called for a long-postponed Comecon Summit and the Rumanian Communist Party daily *Scinteia* last week criticized a lack of cooperation between the 10 members.

Like some other members, Rumania is believed by Western diplomats to be unhappy about the level of payments from the Soviet Union for agricultural products.

The Rumanian authorities displayed their determination to voice an independent policy line with another *Scinteia* editorial on Saturday attacking the establishment of a pro-Moscow Communist Party in Spain. Last month, Rumania failed to attend an important meeting of Soviet Bloc ideologists in Moscow.

Asian Communist states call for regional meet

BANGKOK (Reuters). — The Association of Southeast Asian Nations (ASEAN) reacted coolly yesterday to a renewed proposal by Indochina's three Communist states for a regional conference to resolve conflicts between the two groups.

Foreign Ministry spokesmen for the non-Communist ASEAN countries said they would withhold comment on a communiqué on Sunday by Laos, Vietnam and the Hanoi-backed Kampuchean government of Heng Samrin until they had studied it.

After a two-day foreign ministers' meeting in Vientiane the three renewed a call for talks without the representation of Phnom Penh, which is not recognized by ASEAN and the majority of UN members. They said that regional negotia-

tions, which the five-nation ASEAN has already turned down, were the only way to reduce tension in Southeast Asia.

Diplomatic sources in Bangkok said the communiqué appeared to be a rehash of past Indochinese announcements and contained no changes from policies adopted by the three countries towards their non-Communist neighbours.

ASEAN previously dismissed the Indochinese proposal for regional talks as irrelevant because Hanoi refused to discuss the Kampuchean issue which ASEAN considers the cause of instability in the area.

Vietnam also has consistently rejected calls by ASEAN for an unconditional withdrawal of its estimated 180,000 troops from Kampuchea.

Ecuador poll peaceful; runoff set for May 6

QUITO (AP). — A Social Democrat and a Conservative placed first and second in presidential elections on Sunday and will face each other in runoff balloting on May 6. Seven other candidates were eliminated from the running in a generally peaceful poll.

With 57 per cent, or 1,632,224 of the valid votes counted, Social Democrat Rodrigo Borja had 28.8 per cent of the vote and Conser-

vative Party candidate Leon Febres-Cordero had 24.9 per cent. Centrist Angel Duarte trailed in third place with 11.3 per cent.

The rest of the candidates each earned about 5 per cent of the vote or less.

More than 20,000 soldiers guarded the 12,500 polling places.

Basque group claims killing Spanish general

MADRID (Reuters). — The Basque separatist group ETA has claimed responsibility for killing a Spanish general who was gunned down outside his home on Sunday, police said yesterday.

An anonymous caller telephoned a radio station in Madrid Sunday night and said ETA's political-military wing carried out the murder.

Prime Minister Felipe Gonzalez yesterday attended the funeral of Lt.-Gen. Guillermo Quintana.

Sports

Ramat Gan's critical test tonight

Doron Jamchee and Greg Cornelius were both down with a bout of flu over the weekend but are hoping to have recovered fully for Maccabi Ramat Gan's crucial Kora Cup match on the French Riviera tonight. In their battle all season long to keep Israel's basketball flag flying high in Europe, Ramat Gan have relished nothing better than to start as underdogs.

They are certainly in such a position for their game against the powerful French side Antibes whom they bested by 10 points in the first-leg game in Israel. An upset victory will place Maccabi at the top of their quarter final group and send them through to a coveted semi-final place.

Antibes prepared their hot reception by beating Le Mans to move into second spot in the French league behind the champions Limoges.

Lendl no match for the mighty Mac

PHILADELPHIA (AP). — John McEnroe clearly means to sweep all before him during 1984. Two weeks ago he won the Masters tennis title devastating fashion and now he has smashed his foremost rival for the top spot in the world game Czech Ivan Lendl by capturing the U.S. pro-indoor title for the third consecutive year. The four-set triumph for McEnroe was even more convincing than the scoreline suggests, 6-3, 3-6, 6-3, 7-6.

This gives the feisty American an overall 9-8 lead over Lendl in their contests but he has triumphed in five out of their last six clashes.

McEnroe then joined with Peter Fleming to take the doubles title as well. They defeated the

French combination of Yannick Noah and Jean-Luc Pange 6-2, 6-3.

On the women's circuit Andrea Leand, 19, the last Maccabi Games champion, bounced back after losing the first seven games in a row to France's talented junior Pascale Paradis, to win her first-ever professional title. Leand took the Virginia Sims event in Pittsburgh in the final that ended 6-6, 6-4.

The win gave Leand \$7,000. Ranked 48th in the world, Leand is trying to regain the No. 15 ranking she held in 1982. She had not reached a tournament's semifinal since the end of 1982. "It's been a long 14 months, but this will help for sure," Leand commented happily.

Pakistan bedevilled

ADELAIDE (AP). — The behind-the-scenes problems of the Pakistan cricket side reached a head yesterday when their stylish opening batsman Mohsin Khan announced his retirement from international cricket. Mohsin said his move was for "personal reasons" and did not elaborate.

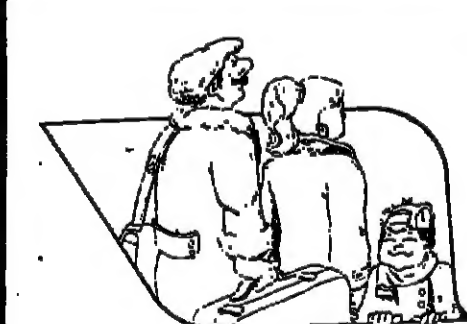
Mohsin made his shock announcement at the end of his side's World Series cup match against Australia here which Australia won by 70 runs, and thus definitely eliminated Pakistan from contention.

Australia 210-8 (50 overs); Pakistan 140 all out (45 overs).

Yugoslavia ready for Winter Olympics

DUBROVNIK. — The Olympic flame arrived here from Athens and immediately left on the way to Sarajevo, venue of the 1984 Winter Olympic Games which open in the Yugoslav city in eight days time. Two torches carried by 1500 athletes will complete a 5,900-kilometre journey through Yugoslavia along different routes and will traverse 80 towns before converging on Sarajevo on Feb. 8.

In Sarajevo where there have been no incidents, snow, falling since Sunday, has now begun falling again in the big mountain venues where the skiing takes place.



Ministry of Construction and Housing—Ministry of Immigrant Absorption

We give below details of the total loans available to immigrants with Ministry of Absorption "rights" certificates who buy a new apartment, offered in the special campaign for new immigrants. Apartments are available under this scheme in Beersheba, Jerusalem (Ramat Alon and Pisgat Ze'ev Jabotinsky), Maaleh Adumim, Netanya (Neve Poleg), and in Haifa (Ramat Nesher).

For Families of 2-4 Persons

For purchase of flat of up to 3 rooms	In Jerusalem	In other urban settlements
For a family that immigrated — before 1.1.81	IS 4,200,000	IS 3,800,000
between 1.1.81 and 1.1.82	IS 3,900,000	IS 3,500,000
after 1.1.82	IS 3,800,000	IS 3,400,000

For purchase of flat of more than 3 rooms	In Jerusalem	In other urban settlements
For a family that immigrated — before 1.1.81	IS 3,800,000	IS 3,400,000
after 1.1.81	IS 3,600,000	IS 3,200,000

For Families of 5 or more Persons

For purchase of flat of up to 3 rooms	In Jerusalem	In other urban settlements
before 1.1.81	IS 4,600,000	IS 4,200,000
between 1.1.81 and 1.1.82	IS 4,300,000	IS 3,900,000
after 1.1.82	IS 4,200,000	IS 3,800,000

For purchase of flat of more than 3 rooms	In Jerusalem	In other urban settlements
For a family that immigrated — before 1.1.81	IS 4,200,000	IS 3,800,000
after 1.1.81	IS 4,000,000	IS 3,600,000

Other Families

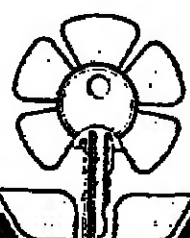
An immigrant married to a veteran; a couple, the children of immigrants; an elderly couple from a developed country; the child of an immigrant, married to a veteran; a single person (other than an elderly person from a developed country).

	In Jerusalem	In other urban settlements
Total	IS 2,800,000	IS 2,100,000
Linked loan	IS 1,600,000	IS 1,400,000
Special loan	IS 700,000	IS 700,000

Additional details are available at the mortgage banks and the Ministry of Immigrant Absorption.

In A Pleasant Flat

A New Beginning



ENTERTAINMENT

TELEVISION

EDUCATIONAL: 8.15 School Broadcasts 19:00 Archaeology 16:00 Touch 16:30 Pretty Butterfly 17:00 A New Evening — live magazine

CHILDREN'S PROGRAMMES: 17:30 1, 4, 5, 6 17:30 Faster, Higher, Stronger — sports ARABIC-LANGUAGE programmes: 18:30 News round 18:30 The Naughty Doll 18:45 What's the Answer? 19:00 Documentary 19:30 News

HEBREW PROGRAMMES resume at 20:00 Entertainment Special WKRP Cincinnati 21:30 White Shadow 22:30 1 Spy 23:30 Club 23:30 News Update

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WHAT'S ON

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Jerusalem

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Valuing Hours: Main Museum 4-10, 430; Guided tour in English, 6 and 8:30; Film, "Six Weeks"

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Tel Aviv

MUSEUMS Tel Aviv Museum. Exhibitions: Piss Collection, Chinese and Japanese Paintings and Prints, Fry Leidersdorf, Israeli fashion designer; Micha Kirshner, photographs; Zvi Goldstein, Structure and Superstructure (Helena Rubinstein Pavilion); Classical Painting in 17th and 18th centuries; Impressionism and Post-Impressionism; Twentieth Century Art; Israeli Art. Visiting Hours: Sun-Thur. 10-10. Fr. closed. Sat. 10-2. 7-10. Helena Rubinstein Pavilion: Sun-Thur. 9-11. Fr. closed. Sat. 10-2.

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PIONEER WOMEN — N.A.M.A.T. Morning Tours. Call for reservations: Tel Aviv 256096. MISCELLANEOUS Hadassah Victory Dept. Please call 03-491489.

Haifa Club Age Club (Rothschild Community Centre, Haifa), Tel. 115. Slide lecture, "From Cradle to Salon" by Mr. and Mrs. Barfner. Guests and new members welcome. What's On in Haifa, Tel. 44-60802.

ON THE AIR

Voice of Music 6:02 Musical Clock 7:07 Good Morning — works by Rossini, Beethoven, Schumann, Chopin and Granados

7:30 Back Violin Concerto in A minor; Haydn: Symphony No. 101 (Solti); Mendelssohn: Violin Concerto (Salvatore Accardo, Dutoit); Verdi: Ballet Music from Macbeth (Scottish, Gibson); Glinka: 3 Dances from A Life for the Tsar; Ravel: Une barque sur l'Océan

9:30 Smetana: Bagatelles; Taneyev: Piano Quartet (Camilien); Lalo: Symphony; Espagnole (Perlman, Paris, Sternheim); Shostakovich: Symphony No. 1 (Lincman, Water, Susskind); Dvorak: Cello Concerto (Miles Sadio)

12:00 Murray Perahia plays works by Chopin — 24 Preludes, Op. 28; Sonata No. 2, Op. 35

13:05 Martinu: Greek Passion (Czech Philharmonic Choir, soloists and Children's Choir, Brno Philharmonic, Charles Mackerras conducting)

15:00 The History of Music 15:30 Youth Programme 16:30 Gidon Yaron, soprano; Yair Kless, violin; Ruth Menes, piano — works by Handel, Tartini, Dallapiccola, Mahler, Prokofiev and Mozart

18:00 News from the Record Library 19:05 Choral Works by Bach and Handel (repeated)

20:00 The Korean Kapokum 20:30 The Israel Philharmonic Orchestra, Zubin Mehta conducting; with Itzhak Perlman, W. Oberg: 6 Pieces for Orchestra, Op. 8; Schumann: Symphony No. 2, Op. 61; Tchaikovsky: Violin Concerto; Itzhak Perlman, with Jerome Lowenthal, piano — Mozart: Sonata, K. 306; Faure: Sonata

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First Programme

6:30 Programme for Olim 7:30 Morning Concert (from Voice of Music)

9:30 Encounter — live family and social survey magazine 10:30 Programme in Easy Hebrew 11:10 School Broadcasts 11:30 Education for all 12:05 Sephardi Songs 13:00 News in English 13:30 News in French 14:05 Children's programmes 15:25 Education for all 15:55 News on a New Book 16:05 A Political Book 17:12 Jewish Ideas 17:30 Everyman's University 18:05 Afternoon Classics 18:47 Bible Reading 19:05 Talmud Lesson 19:05 Programmes for Olim 22:05 Topical discussion — introduced by Shmuel Almog 23:05 Two by Two

Second Programme 6:12 Gymnastics 6:30 Editorial Review 6:53 Green Light — drivers' corner 7:00 This Morning — news magazine 8:05 Safe Journey 9:05 House Call — with Rivka Michaeli 10:10 All Shades of the Network — morning magazine 12:05 Open Line — news and music 13:00 Midday — news commentary, music 14:10 Matters of Interest 16:10 Safe Journey 17:10 Economics Magazine 17:30 Of Men and Figures 18:05 Health and Medicine Magazine 18:45 Today in Sport 19:05 Today — radio newscast 19:3

Press attack on sacred cows

LOS ANGELES LETTER
Tom Tugend

TWO OF THE most sacred cows of the Jewish community — the Jewish hospital and the Jewish old age home — have come under attack by the Jewish press in Los Angeles.

At the heart of the dispute is the accountability of community-supported institutions to their larger constituency and the role of the Jewish media in covering its local beat.

Such questions rarely surface in any other American city, whose sole Jewish paper is generally owned or subsidized by the dominant Jewish federation or similar umbrella organization. Los Angeles is unique in having five competitive and often mutually hostile Jewish newspapers, consisting of three independent weeklies, a fourth published by the Federation Council, plus a maverick bi-weekly newsletter.

"Lay leaders and professionals who control our institutions feel it's our job to run all their campaign pitches and fund-raising photos," says Ron Solomon, managing editor of the independent *B'nai B'rith Messenger*. "They also think that we should cover the local scene better, as long as we don't look at their own organization too closely."

The *Messenger*, a staid, 100-year-old publication, violated this rule by politely but persistently questioning the administrative effectiveness and large personnel turnover at the Jewish Homes for the Aged. What bothered Solomon as much as the issue itself was the refusal of the homes' administrators and spokesmen even to discuss the matter or return phone calls.

"It took us six months to get any kind of response," he says. Finally, after the *Messenger's* reporters contacted some 30 former employees and residents of the homes, the administration invited Solomon for a day's inspection tour, which resulted in a generally favorable story in the following week's issue.

A CONTROVERSY of considerably more weight and acrimony is swirling about the large and wealthy Cedars-Sinai Medical Centre. It started when the hospital's administration bitterly and successfully fought off the unionization of its nursing staff, but crested over an even more emotional issue.

Cedars-Sinai, which has reported close to one quarter of a billion dollars in annual revenues, announced that it was closing its clinic to outpatients covered under the state's Medi-Cal programme for the poor and indigent. Primarily affected were more than 4,000 poor Jewish patients, most of them Yiddish, Russian or Hebrew-speaking, who visited the clinic on an average of 10 times a year.

The hospital blamed drastic changes in the Medi-Cal programme for its action, and asserted that it could not absorb additional costs without lowering the quality of its service. Critics pointed out that Cedars-Sinai receives an annual allocation of \$500,000 in communal funds (besides an additional \$11 million in private donations, mainly from Jewish philanthropists) precisely to serve the Jewish poor.

As in the case of the old age homes, the controversy has been sharpened by what the Jewish press perceives as the cavalier attitude of the hospital leadership.

Herb Brin, the pugnacious editor of the *Heritage*, became so frustrated by the hospital administration's refusal to talk, that he staged a one-man sit-in outside the office of the Cedars-Sinai president

until he was reluctantly granted an interview. Yehuda Lev, publisher of the newsletter *A Majority of One*, had to obtain the figures on the hospital's revenues and charitable receipts by going through the office of the California secretary of state in Sacramento.

As of this writing, Cedars-Sinai appears to be moving toward a compromise to bring the poor Jewish patients in out of the cold, and editor Brin is convinced that his paper played a key role in reversing the hospital's course.

The apparent victory, he believes, goes a long way in raising the status of the local Jewish press from a mere conduit for publicity to a genuine role in shaping community opinion.

Schwab's Pharmacy on Sunset Boulevard has closed its doors, writing "The End" to a Hollywood landmark and a chapter of movie folklore.

Already sold under the auctioneer's hammer are the counter at which a frolicking Charlie Chaplin mixed chocolate milkshakes; the apron Ava Gardner put on as a mock waitress and the booths where the likes of Clark Gable and Judy Garland ordered coffee and something on rye.

For 31 years, an icon on the movie capital's time scale, Hollywood's royalty-mixed-with-commoners at the combination malt shop and drugstore, tourists gawked and gossip columnists embellished Schwab's fame with legends.

The greatest of these reverently recounted the discovery by an enterprising agent of the teenage Lana Turner, sitting at Schwab's counter and sipping a soda. Before you could say A Star is Born, the high school girl was whisked to a studio and turned into the screen's reigning sex symbol. Ever since, pubescent hopefuls of all nations have been spending long hours at Schwab's, waiting to be discovered.

The facts in this semi-miraculous event have been contested for decades with the passion of Talmudic debates. Lana Turner herself maintains that she was sitting in a different malt shop across from her nearby high school when fate tapped her on the shoulder. However, Leon Schwab, the 72-year-old co-founder of the store, is sticking with the traditional version. "I know it happened here," he told your correspondent, "because I was here when it happened."

Schwab, like many of his illustrious clients, has been member of Temple Israel of Hollywood for many years and recently celebrated his 50th wedding anniversary on its premises.

He attributes the closing of the old landmark to "family reasons," but a major contributing factor has been the demands of Schwab's numerous creditors.

THE WANDERING statue of Haym Salomon is about to move again.

Salomon was a Polish Jew who arrived in New York in 1772 and became a successful businessman. With the outbreak of the Revolutionary War, he became a major fiscal agent and supporter of the hard-pressed Colonial forces and spent much of his personal fortune for the American cause.

In 1944, the Los Angeles Jewish community erected a statue of the patriotic financier in Boyle Heights, then a predominantly Jewish section of the city. By 1958, Boyle Heights had become a Mexican-American enclave, and a group of Jewish war veterans persuaded the city fathers to relocate Salomon's statue in McArthur Park in downtown Los Angeles.

During the past decade, as the Jewish community has continued its urban migration westward, McArthur Park has become a rundown site surrounded by a mixed Mexican and Asian population. In recent years, the statue has been frequently vandalized and sprayed with paint.

The next, and it is hoped, the final move for the four-metre-tall statue will be to a new park in the Jewish Fairfax area. The relocation cost of \$5,000 will be borne by Edward Goldstein, a war veteran.

Not everyone agrees with the move, but one who does is Mike Zarro, a long-time habitue of McArthur Park.

"It's a Jewish guy," says Zarro, pointing to the stony Salomon, "so they might as well put him in a Jewish neighbourhood."

Cream trip

By DAVID HOROVITZ
Jerusalem Post Reporter

SATURDAY NIGHT at Binyenzi Ha'uma was a trip back a decade and a half, to a time when Cream were changing the face of popular music.

We Israelis, are in fact just half way through the trip, a rare treat as far as Cream are concerned: Eric Clapton is playing two concerts early next week at Binyenzi Ha'uma and Jack Bruce, well, he was the man who set the walls shaking on Saturday night.

He did look a little different from those heady, flower-power days of the late Sixties. He looked like an out of work builder's mate with shabby trousers tucked into basketball boots. But looks don't really count for much. And he sounded superb.

If Clapton stood out as a guitarist way back then, Bruce shone as a bassist and, especially, as a vocalist. While Clapton has since mellowed, Bruce proved on Saturday that he has developed his bass playing to an outstanding degree. He positively drove his band along, using his instrument almost like a lead guitar, holding the songs together and pumping them full of life.

His bass playing was impressive, his vocals at times were close to heart-stopping. Bruce's voice has



Jack Bruce in concert

maintained and has a resonance that wasn't there in the days of Cream. It showed well in the self-penned "Out into the Fields."

Among the enjoyable post-Cream songs, "Automatic Pilot," featured some great harmonica soloing. But it was the old stuff the audience had come for.

Bruce didn't disappoint either. "White Room," "Born Under a Bad Sign," "Politician" and "Crossroads" were all greeted hysterically by a packed house that included a few pretty senior citizens.

The band were tight, with particular credit going to Clem Clempson who had the unenviable task of "filling in" for Clapton. Bruce saved the best till last, encouraging with "Spoonful" and, the one everyone was waiting for, "Sunshine Of Your Love."

Jack Bruce called his tour of Israel "the most wonderful experience of my playing career," urged us all to "keep the faith" and left for colder climes.

Clapton will have a hard time topping him.

Taking on a lot

MUSIC/Elia Kavev

RAMI BAR-NIV, pianist (Tel Aviv Museum, January 30). Bach-Sonata: Toccata in C major; Beethoven: Sonata op. 57 ("Appassionata"); Chopin: Nocturne in C-sharp minor, op. posthuma; Bach: from "The Little Notebook for Anna Magdalena Bach"; Bar-Niv: Prayer and Dance, Toccata; Ben Haim-Bar-Niv: Sephardic Melody; Gershwin: Rhapsody in Blue.

WHATEVER else can be said of Rami Bar-Niv's recital programme at the Tel Aviv Museum, it was different. One can but wonder as to the pianist's reasons behind crowding the evening with such stylistic extremes as Beethoven's *Appassionata* and Gershwin's *Rhapsody in Blue*, or Bach's monumental *Toccata*, colourfully transcribed by Busoni, and the tiny *Anna Magdalena* pieces. The playing in no way suggested the catholic musical taste necessary to pull off such an offering.

What the performance did reflect was an admirable stamina — Bar-Niv appeared as unruffled and in control at the end of the gruelling two-hour recital as at its beginning. The pianist negotiated rather well the difficult instrument of the Kaufman Auditorium — no small achievement, and did so partly because of a skilful, if at times overly generous, use of the pedal. Technical proficiency was especially evident in his powerful wrists, which propelled some chordal passages with breath-taking speed.

All of which made the Gershwin fare the best. What it lacked in jazzy swing was compensated for by sheer

energy and sonar brilliance, the qualities that made the *Toccata* by Ben Haim, given as an encore, equally impressive.

THE BEETHOVEN and Bach, on the other hand, found the performer woefully unequal to the task. Bar-Niv's readings made one wonder if he realized the challenges posed by these works, let alone began coping with them. Up to the concluding *Presto*, the sonata proceeded at leisurely pace. Beethoven's directions notwithstanding, with gratuitous emphases and arbitrary changes of speed thrown in for good measure. In the Bach, the flabby rhythm, wavy dynamics and uncalculated accents effectively turned the music into a sentimental, salon-type entertainment, an approach that made even the sweet Chopin Nocturne sound rather deprecatd.

As to Bar-Niv's own compositions — the *Toccata* (dedicated to the peace between Israel and Egypt); the *Prayer and Dance* (influenced, according to the author's explanation, by the war in the North); and the transcription of Ben Haim's *Sephardic Melody* (dedicated to the memory of Paul Ben Haim) — these proved pianistically effective and colourful, being based on some mildly dissonant chords in repetitive *ostinato* patterns. Hopefully, the peace will inspire works of greater artistic value as well.

Ministry of Construction and Housing

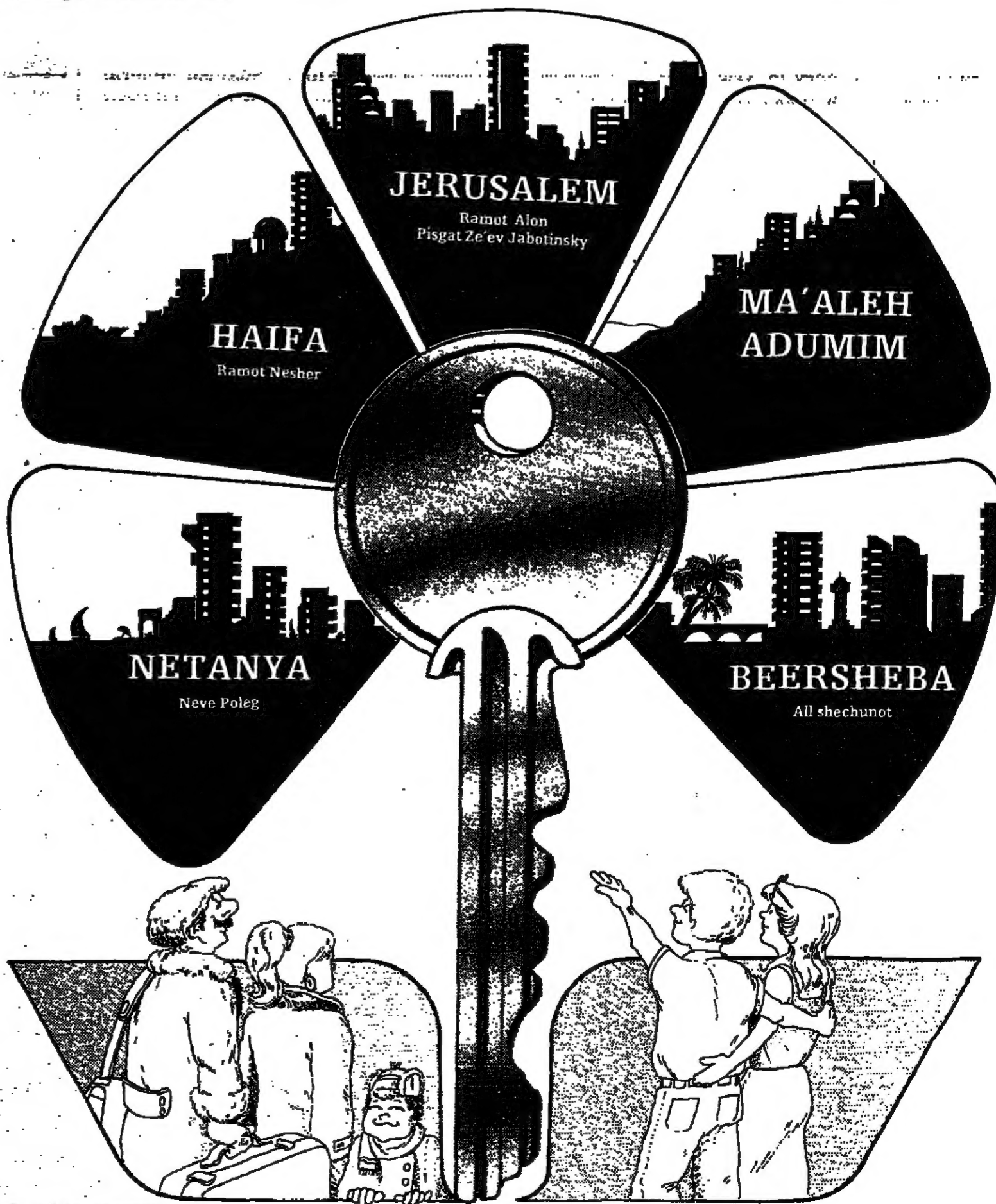
A New Beginning in a Pleasant Flat

Apartments for New Immigrant Families and Young Couples — Special Offers

In cooperation with the Ministry of Immigrant Absorption, and as part of a campaign to establish new housing estates, the Ministry of Construction and Housing offers new immigrant families and young couples new apartments, in line with their housing "rights."

During the special offer period, apartment-purchase loans at special, preferential terms will be provided. These terms are offered for a strictly limited time.

The following housing projects are included in this scheme: JERUSALEM: Ramot Alon, Pisgat Ze'ev, Jabotinsky ■ MA'ALEH ADUMIM: ■ BEERSHEBA: All shechunot ■ NETANYA: Neve Poleg ■ HAIFA: Ramot Nesher



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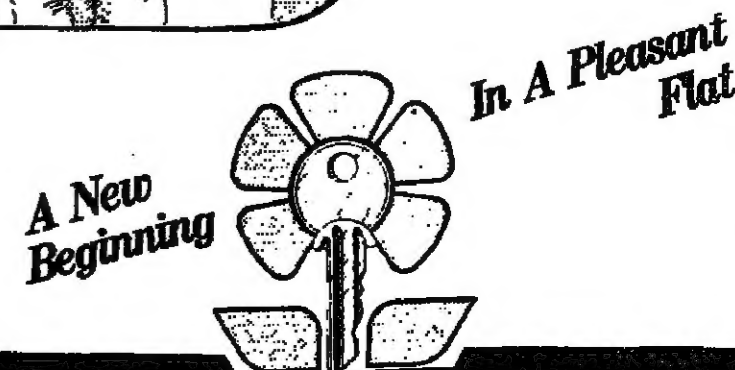
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'Part of the family'

January 15, 1984
WITH GREAT sorrow we learned of the passing of Nahum Bernstein in New York on December 26.

Nahum was an integral part of my personal life since 1947 when I was introduced to a young lawyer who had served in the American OSS (Office of Strategic Services) in World War II. He gave us important lessons in the great science of intelligence, lessons which continue to serve us more than three decades later. He joined the Friends of the Hagana and then worked unflinchingly for the cause of the fledgling Jewish State. He quickly became part of Israel's extended family.

He always would take the initiative, no matter how small or large the matter. He shared an interest in rare books with Ben-Gurion and often would find the ones which were termed impossible to find. In the early days of microfilm, he came up with the idea of copying portions of unobtainable books at the New York Public Library that he thought would particularly interest us.

When I was elected mayor of Jerusalem in 1965, it was Nahum who suggested that he would like to begin a "Mayor's Fund," which would enable friends of Jerusalem to help us with projects which would be beyond the city budget.

Even before the reunification of Jerusalem, he saw the importance of our capital as the focus of world Jewry. He shared the excitement of the first undertaking we received for a small pocket park. He continued to share our excitement as the Jerusalem Foundation projects in which he himself generously participated grew to cover a scope even the most optimistic of us could not have envisioned. But Nahum had a dream, and he was willing to make every effort to realize this dream. Nahum was a special human being whose warmth and kindness were legendary. He will be very much missed by all of us who were privileged to know him. The loss we feel is his true legacy. We share this loss with his wife, Blanche and his entire family.

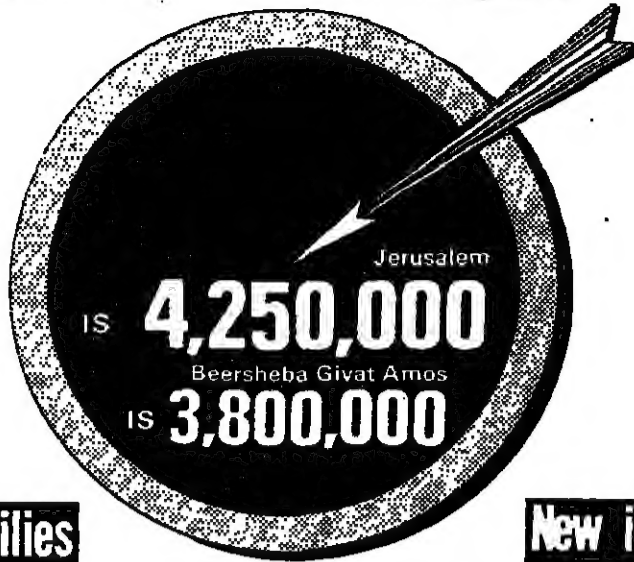
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Film studio had exports of \$1.5m. last year J'lem Capital Studios in Greek, French coproduction

By JUDY SIEGEL
Jerusalem Post Reporter

A Jerusalem production company is making a film trilogy about Jerusalem, Cairo and Alexandria during World War II. The venture is a coproduction with E.R.T., the first Greek TV channel, and TFI, the first French TV channel.

Drifting Cities, with script and direction by Robert Manthoulis of Greece, is one of the newest projects of Jerusalem Capital Studios, which brought the Greeks into the deal despite the deteriorated state of diplomatic relations between Israel and the Greek government.

The first part of the trilogy takes place in Jerusalem, where Jewish refugees from Europe as well as racketeers, politicians, spies and local residents mingle and share anxieties and fears. The war and political events — including the threat of German invasion under General Rommel — are mixed with stories of love, hate and revenge.

At a press conference here yesterday, Capital director Shmuel Shiloah said that the firm — owned by Leon Tamman — had exports worth \$1.5 million last year, compared to only \$265,000 in 1979. In addition, it sold services on the local scene.

Jerusalem Capital Studios has just completed the construction of a small news studio in the capital that is, according to Shiloah, the most technologically advanced in the country. Services are regularly supplied to ABC and CBS as well as to networks in Canada, Sweden,

England, France, Germany and other countries.

The studios produce a daily news programme in English for CBN, the Christian TV station in South Lebanon, which is meant to compete with anti-Israeli news on Jordan TV.

In addition, the studios have signed deals for the production of two full-length Israeli movies, at the combined cost of nearly \$1m. The films will be shown in local cinemas as well as being dubbed, or translated for showing in Germany and elsewhere.

One, called *A Very Narrow Bridge*, is a story about an Israeli lawyer serving in the army reserves, who falls in love with a Christian Arab woman from a West Bank family. Based on a story by Haim Hefer, the film was written by Nissim Dayan and by Hefer.

Atalia, the second film, tells the story of an affair between a 40-year-old woman and a 19-year-old man during the Yom Kippur War, with kibbutz life as the background. The director is Akiva Tsvet, with the screenplay by Zvi Kertzman based on the book by Yitzhak Ben-Ner. Michal Bat-Adam has one of the starring roles.

Asked about the studios' intentions if a second TV channel is established, Shiloah said that no company in Israel can afford to produce full-scale entertainment shows to fill all airtime, but that good-quality imported shows would have to be purchased. But with its experience in news as well as drama, the studios



Greek film director Robert Manthoulis and Israeli actress Michal Bat-Adam.

would be interested in providing at least some of the programmes for a second channel or even more.

Working with Israel TV generally does not pay, said Capital deputy-director Gaby Rosenberg. So far, Jerusalem Capital Studios has made just 12 public service announcements and co-produced a sports programme on wind surfing.

Shiloah added that he proposed to the government authorities that they jointly produce a programme on Israel's achievements for Independence Day, that could be broadcast simultaneously to 150 points around the world. But the government turned down the idea for financial and other reasons.

IS50m. for sound and light show at Masada

By HAIM SHAPIRO
Jerusalem Post Reporter

Visitors to Jerusalem will still have to go out on the street to experience the Holy City, but tourists at Masada will soon be able to experience the Herodian mountain fortress overlooking the Dead Sea while sitting down.

The Tourism Ministry's investments committee this week gave its authorization for a "Masada Experience" multi-media presentation, but withdrew its approval for a similar presentation on Jerusalem.

The Masada showing is due to cost some IS50 million, of which the Government Tourist Corporation (GTC) is willing to contribute 60 per

cent as a linked loan. Due to be housed in a presently unused amphitheatre with 250 seats under the control of the National Parks Authority, it will include 20 slide projectors and two film projectors. There will also be sound effects and narration in either English, French, German or Hebrew for the 30-minute presentation. Initiating the project is businessman David Filsof.

As for the ill-fated Jerusalem experience, which had been approved by the committee in November, it was to have been produced at the Beit Agron journalists house by TV entrepreneur Eddie Soffer and German backer Elizabeth Wolters. According to the tourism ministry,

Wolters has sold her interests in Israel and Soffer has simply disappeared.

The ministry stressed that so far not one agora had been paid by the GTC for the project, which was to have cost some \$1.6m. Yet another multimedia show, the "Jaffa Experience," is presently in the planning stage.

In other decisions, the committee continued its policy of encouraging popular guest accommodations or projects which would expand tourist sites, rather than luxury hostels. Approved were a three-star Jerusalem hotel, a boat at the service of divers for Eilat, a holiday village at Dimona and a pool for an already existing Tiberias hotel.

Potash production up at Dead Sea Works

By LIORA MORIEL
SDOM. — The Dead Sea Works

has just completed the second part of its ambitious Makleff Project. The plant is now going through a trial run in the production of high-grade potash, using a cheaper process — cold crystallization —

developed by scientists at the plant here.

Shlomo Adler, deputy-general manager in charge of production, said yesterday that within the next few years the company would increase its potash production from the current 1.6 million tons to more than 2m. a year. The sophisticated new plant is fully computerized and employs only 60 people.

Are there any problems, now that Jordan has begun its own potash project? "On the contrary, now we are certain that the border will be quiet," Adler said. He added that if the two national projects could be coordinated, this would be to the benefit of both. "Our by-products already flow into a shared drainage canal."

The Dead Sea Works potash,

which is 97 per cent pure, is in great demand world-wide, Adler said. "All the potash we can produce, we can sell. Our only problem is how to meet the demand."

The recent 12-day railway strike nearly reversed this trend, but "we were lucky that the strike ended when it did."

The potash is usually trucked to Dimona and then carried by rail to Ashdod port. During the strike, the trucks continued on to Ashdod, at an added cost of \$6 a ton. The plant lost only a minor amount of \$130,000 because of the strike, but its shipments to the port were halved. A longer strike would have endangered our markets abroad and led to much more serious and permanent losses," he said.

Hotels 'pricing themselves out of European market'

By MICHAEL YUDELMAN

TEL AVIV. — The Hotel Association's refusal to lower rates for European tourists will ruin the season beginning this March, the secretary of the Tour Operators Association, Avraham Reis, said yesterday.

He told *The Jerusalem Post* that the hotels, whose prices are set in dollars, have become extremely expensive for European tourists, whose currency has dropped, compared to the dollar.

The Israeli tour operators who promoted their package tours in Europe last November, have not changed their prices since then at the request of the Tourism Ministry, Reis said.

But the hotel owners, who were also asked to do so, decided to fix their prices according to the European exchange rate of January 16. This makes their rates some 20 per cent higher than they were last November. In addition to the dollar's rise compared to European currencies, Reis said, the hotels also raised their group rates by some 15 per cent.

As a result, reports from travel agents in Europe indicate a sharp decline in tourism to Israel, Reis said. "The package tours to Israel are simply too expensive due to the high hotel prices. Nobody is buying them. The entire tourism season may be ruined."

Elsclint's new \$61 million issue offers attractive tax shelter

By MACABEE DEAN
Jerusalem Post Reporter

TEL AVIV. — Registration for Elsclint's \$61 million emission — which provides a substantial tax shelter for Israelis — will begin next week. Elsclint made the announcement yesterday upon receiving approval from the Tel Aviv Stock Exchange.

Five registration periods — one in February, two in March and one each in April and May — have been provided. The first one opens on February 7 and continues until February 9. After May 8 the shares will be traded daily.

Company officials stressed that the emission was suited only to those Israelis in the highest income tax brackets. An investor can deduct the entire purchase price of the shares, up to a maximum of 30 per cent of his taxable income. For example, if an investor has a taxable income of IS1,000,000, he can buy shares valued at IS300,000, and he will pay taxes only on the remaining

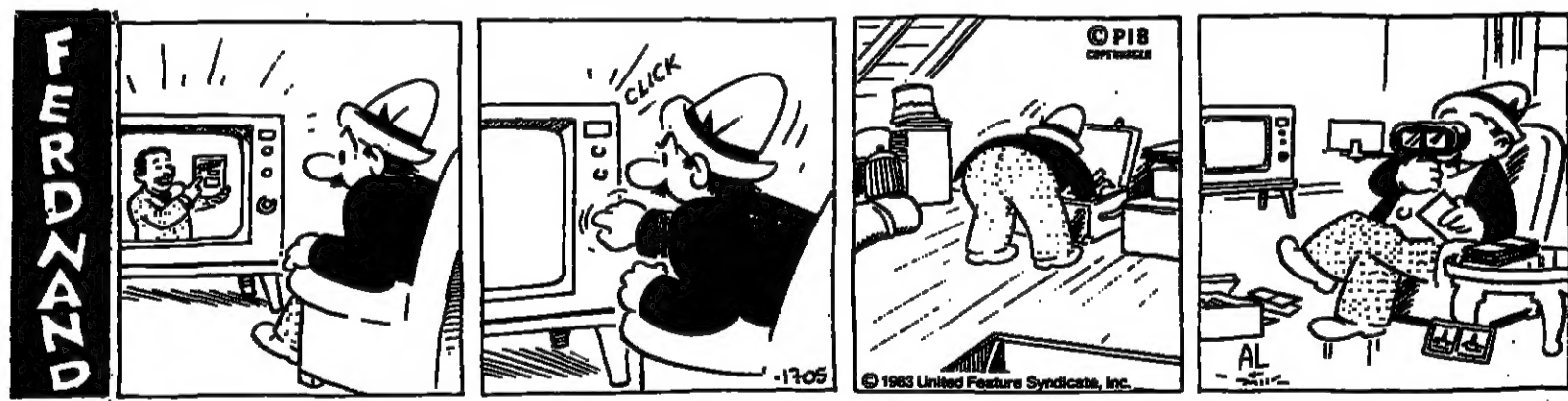
IS700,000.

The shares will be sold in units. Each unit will consist of one \$25 bond, and one share which has no par value.

This share will pay a three per cent interest of the total sales which result from the \$61m. invested in Research and Development. This R & D should provide an income from five to seven years. During this period, Elsclint is obligated to export goods worth at least \$610m. from this R & D.

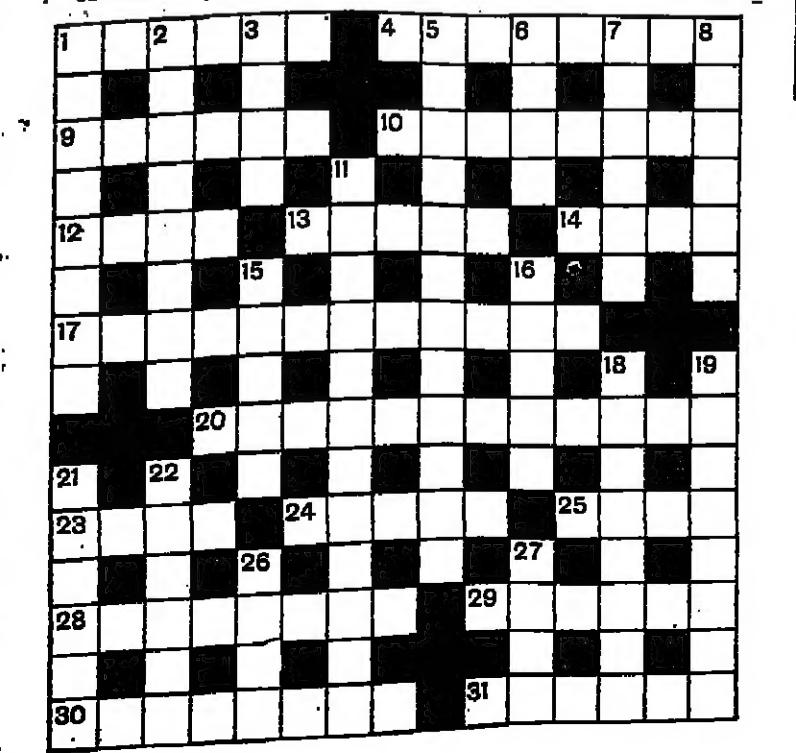
The \$61m. obtained from the emission will be used only for Elsclint's three-year R & D plan, half of which has already been executed.

Elsclint fought for many long months to get this tax shelter for investors, and the law is commonly called the "Elsclint Law." Only a few other Israeli companies, such as Tadiran, Sotex, Elbit and Elta are eligible under the law, since they have to invest \$7.5m. annually on R & D, and have exports of at least \$20m. a year based on R & D.



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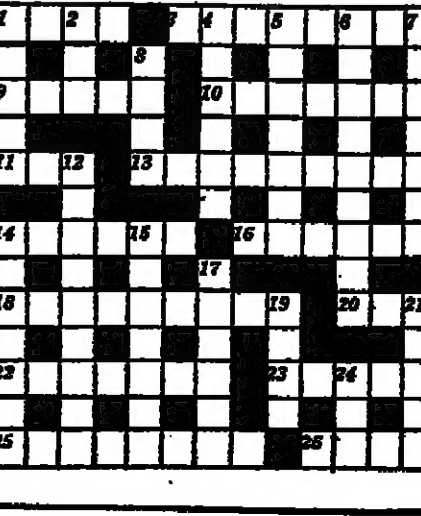
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Dr. Shimon Zeheik, representing the recipients will speak on "Organic Metals."

The ceremony will take place on Wednesday, February 1, at 4.30 p.m. at the Van Leer Jerusalem Institute, 43 Jabotinsky St., Jerusalem.

Market bursts out in boom of rises; First Int'l scheme sells out fast

TEL AVIV. — The stock market actually "boomed" yesterday. Not only did the "arrangement" bank shares — which a few days ago were regarded as "untouchables" — gain about eight per cent (they had gained seven per cent on the previous day), but the "free" shares began to soar too. A full 277 shares rose by five per cent or more — with 63 of them being "buyers only." And for the first time in many long months there were no shares which fell by five per cent or more, and there was only one lonely "seller's only" situation.

Asked to explain this phenomenon, one banker said: "Israelis are like a herd of sheep; they follow the leader. This is very dangerous, for the leader will soon start selling — and everybody will start selling. What we would like to see is a market which rises slowly, and falls slowly (if it must fall) in line with reality, not in line with psychology."

No one was ready to predict when a state of profit-taking would set in, causing prices to dip, possibly initiating a collapse of the market.

At any rate, plenty of persons will make tidy fortunes, if they manage to sell before prices fall.

For example, **Delek Exploration** rose by 68.6 per cent, and **J.O.E.L.** rose by 70.8 per cent. Both these companies have a part in the small Gurim 4 oil strike. But other oil companies, which have no part, also rose substantially, such as **M.G.N.** by 9.8 per cent, and **Sismica** by 9.9 per cent.

But it was the "arrangement" shares which continued to steal the show. More than \$14 million worth was traded, and of these, the Bank of Israel — which last week was buying about \$2m. a day to support their prices — supplied about \$11.6m.

And the strangest thing is that First International, which started the boom in these "arrangement" shares by offering an investment scheme based on them, was yesterday sharply criticized by the public. First International had limited its scheme (which pays a 19.6 annual dollar equivalent interest, or 1.5 per cent a month) to \$5m. And the public began placing orders as soon as it heard the news, and the entire issue was sold out by early yesterday morning.

First International now considers drawing up another scheme, but paying a lower interest rate, for the dollar-equivalent yield of the "arrangement" shares has dropped from about 25 per cent a year — within the past few days to only about 21 per cent. And the other banks also consider moving into this field. It is learned that the Finance Ministry may draw up a savings scheme based on these "arrangement" shares.

"It is incredible that anyone

Tel Aviv Stock Exchange

By MACABEE DEAN

should go into such a scheme," one broker said. "Any person can go to the nearest bank (or his broker) and buy the same 'arrangement' shares directly."

Many persons evidently do not know that these "arrangement" shares can be bought at any time within the next five years, and that the government has agreed to redeem them at the end of these five years at their October 6, 1983 dollar value, plus a premium of four per cent. Thus, anyone buying them today, when their yield is about 21 per cent a year, can more than double his money in real purchasing power in five years — provided the dollar is not devalued during this time, and of course, provided that the government will honour its redemption pledge.

At any rate, while these "arrangement" shares rose by eight per cent yesterday, the shares of some banks which did not enter this scheme jumped much more. For example, **North American** rose by ten per cent, and **First International** itself rose by 5.2 per cent. It would have risen much more but could not since it became "buyers only."

FIBI, the holding company of First International, rose by 15 per cent.

The General Share Index rose by 7.07 per cent. If commercial banks are excluded, the index rose by 4.20 per cent.

The various categories rose (none fell) as follows: commercial banks, plus 8.35 per cent; mortgage banks, plus 1.13 per cent; financial institutions, plus 2.68 per cent; insurance companies, plus 6.16 per cent; land development, plus 4.55 per cent; industrial, plus 3.18 per cent and investment companies, plus 5.90 per cent. Oil exploration shares rose by 4.46 per cent.

The turnover in bonds was \$1,910 million (about \$15.4m.). Although the Bank of Israel had to move in now and then to buy up surpluses, on the whole the index-linked bonds rose. Their general index rose by 1.09 per cent, with some index-bond issues rising by up to three per cent.

Asa hopes to export goods valued at \$10m. in 1984 and has orders for \$6m. on hand. (In all of 1983, the company's exports were about \$6.5m.)

Wardania (textiles) reports a loss of \$3.10m. (adjusted) for the six-month period ending September 30, 1983. This compares with \$16.4m. profit in the same period last year. The company notes that its losses are due to the purchase of new equipment.

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decisions should be executed by everyone, he declared.

Among the taxes that the Treasury wants to introduce, which are currently stalled in the committee, are the increase in the travel tax, the education levy, the tax on child allowances and the imposition of a 66-per-cent income tax bracket.

According to Cohen-Orad, the first fruits of his policies are now visible. He told coalition members that inflation is expected to go down in the coming months, dropping by 9 per cent in March.

The minister added that in the coming months exports will show an increase. He revealed that the Tadiran corporation expects to increase exports to \$1 billion by the end of the decade.

Cohen-Orad also said that the trade deficit for December had decreased by \$100m. and a larger decrease was expected for January.

World's smallest battery helps Japanese anglers

TOKYO (Reuters). — A Japanese company has developed what it says is the world's smallest battery, and its first sales target will be Japan's 20 million anglers.

Matsumita Battery Industrial Co. said it plans to make 50,000 tiny fishing floats a month, equipped with the battery and a minute light bulb, to help night-time fishermen see when they have a bite.

Closing price	Volume	Change	% change
151,000			
Commercial Banks			
(not part of "arrangement")			
O.H.R.	1,200	5	+63
Maritime 0.1	336	b.o.t.	+16
Maritime 0.5	146	b.o.t.	+7
N. American 1	264.3	140	+331
N. American 5	294.1	137	+208
N. Am. op 1	113.1	32	+11
Bank Leumi	62	b.o.t.	+11
Bank Leumi 5	223	b.o.t.	+11
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Bank Leumi 100	223	b.o.t.	+11

Closing price	Volume	Change	% change
151,000			
Commercial Banks			
(part of "arrangement")			
IDB	7,700	—	—
IDB B	3,720	4,717	+1,197
IDB B 1	1,796	18	+1,008
IDB B 2	2,160	20	+1,000
IDB B 3	2,310	196	+210
IDB B 4	2,770	271	+297
IDB B 5	2,770	321	+347
IDB B 6	2,770	348	+374
IDB B 7	2,770	375	+401
IDB B 8	2,770	402	+428
IDB B 9	2,770	429	+455
IDB B 10	2,770	456	+482
IDB B 11	2,770	483	+509
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IDB B 54	2,770	1,644	+1,670
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IDB B 59	2,770	1,779	+1,805
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IDB B 63	2,770	1,887	+1,913
IDB B 64	2,770	1,914	+1,940
IDB B 65	2,770	1,941	+1,967
IDB B 66	2,770	1,968	+1,994
IDB B 67	2,770	1,995	+2,021
IDB B 68	2,770	2,022	+2,048
IDB B 69	2,770	2,049	+2,075
IDB B 70	2,770	2,076	+2,102
IDB B 71	2,770	2,103	+2,129
IDB B 72	2,770	2,130	+2,156
IDB B 73	2,770	2,157	+2,183
IDB B 74	2,770	2,184	+2,210
IDB B 75	2,770	2,211	+2,237
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IDB B 94	2,770	2,724	+2,750
IDB B 95	2,770	2,751	+2,777
IDB B 96	2,770	2,778	+2,804
IDB B 97	2,770	2,805	+2,831
IDB B 98	2,770	2,832	+2,858
IDB B 99	2,770	2,859	+2,885
IDB B 100	2,770	2,886	+2,912

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Hapoalim cn 8	9350	13
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Reagan ready for more

THE EXPECTED has now happened. Ronald Reagan has announced that he will run for U.S. president on the Republican ticket again.

Mr. Reagan currently enjoys a commanding lead over any of the eight contending Democrats, and while he is not exactly a shoo-in, the likeliest Democratic candidate, Walter F. Mondale, the former vice-president, will have a hard time beating him.

The incumbent always has an initial advantage over his adversary, but in the case of Mr. Reagan there are several things going for him. Despite his age, Mr. Reagan has managed to cut a youthful figure of decision and forcefulness in the conduct of both domestic and foreign affairs. It will not necessarily be held against him by most voters that he has modified some of his earlier concepts, as by accepting budget deficits as a tool of economic policy and by moderating his anti-Soviet rhetoric.

What will stay in the voters' mind is that, under his rule, inflation has been brought down, and the American economy appears geared for a new period of growth.

But Mr. Reagan will also have to defend himself to the voters on a number of issues that have become very controversial. Unemployment, despite the signs of economic recovery, continues at a high rate especially in some of the well populated industrial regions. These areas will naturally be a focus of electoral interest to both parties and there Mr. Reagan will face a challenge.

He will also have some difficulty with women voters, presumably the younger generation, who are not enamoured with his record on women's rights.

Blacks and other minority groups have also voiced criticism of Mr. Reagan's policies, especially the budgetary cutbacks on welfare programmes. At the same time the Reverend Jesse Jackson is waging a strenuous campaign, not only on his own behalf for the Democratic candidacy, but also to assure registration of large numbers of blacks, who in the past stayed away from the polls. If he succeeds in this campaign this could have an important effect on the electoral results.

Jews, on the other hand, have appeared to become more conservative than in the past. And while their traditional fidelity to the Democratic Party will no doubt be felt again this year, Mr. Reagan may very well attract their vote in large numbers, both for domestic reasons and because of the friendly posture he has adopted towards Israel and its problems.

Because the Democratic Party is still enthralled by its internal race for the presidency, no real measure can yet be taken of the electoral chances of its candidate, even if, as expected, it is Mr. Mondale. For the public is still focussed more on how the Democratic candidates compare to each other than how they compare to Mr. Reagan.

But U.S. presidential campaigns have a rhythm and life of their own, determined as much by the unexpected as by the careful plans of campaign managers.

There is still a long way till November and a great deal can happen between now and then.

AVRUSHMI ALIBIS

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have collected reinforcements the suspicion that Avrushmi was involved in throwing the grenade at the Peace Now demonstration in which Grunzweig was killed.

During the hearing Tal refused to reveal exactly what evidence police have against Avrushmi. He would also not reveal why police wish to keep this evidence secret.

Avrushmi came to court clean-shaven and in clean clothes. He kept silent most of the time and sat with his head between his hands. He spoke up only once — when his lawyer asked the police about the preliminary three-day interrogation held by the General Security Service.

"Yes, there were psychologists (in the first interrogation)," Avrushmi said in a high-pitched voice when one of his lawyers, Yair Golan,

questioned Tal about the interrogation.

Tal refused to answer Golan's question whether Avrushmi was questioned for three days without sleep.

Tal confirmed that Avrushmi allegedly bought the grenade from Amos Shengoloff, a criminal turned police informer who allegedly bought the grenade from soldier David Shemtov.

Avrushmi, who admits buying the grenade, told police he had buried it near the leper hospital below the Talbiya neighbourhood.

But Tal said that when Avrushmi was taken to the site he could not find the grenade. Tal also said that Shengoloff, whose testimony is backed by other evidence, sold other grenades but these were sold only after the grenade was thrown at the Peace Now demonstration.

MORE GRENADES

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Police also would not confirm reports that an army truck was used by the attackers. This truck was reportedly seen by a *Wafk* (Muslim trusteeship) guard near St. Stephen's Gate before the attempted attack.

Mayor Teddy Kolk said yesterday that terror groups, such as TNT, could not exist without the public support reflected by the recent *Jerusalem Post* poll showing that 18.7 per cent of the population supported Jewish terror.

Kolk was speaking at a secular-Orthodox confrontation on the

theme of living together in Jerusalem organized by the Moriya Association.

The mayor warned that intolerance by the Orthodox camp in Jerusalem could lead to an explosion within the secular camp.

In the Knesset yesterday, Haim Druckman's Matzad faction strongly condemned the attempted attack, saying, "This is a despicable act whose perpetrators deserve to be treated with all the severity of the law."

Similar sentiments were expressed by the Interior Committee.

EGYPT'S VICTORY

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ment on Egypt's sovereignty."

According to reports from Casablanca, the ICO had simply required that Egypt abide by the charter of the organization — and did not insist that it endorse subsequent resolutions denouncing the peace treaty with Israel or the Camp David accords.

Egypt's formal readmission into the ICO is its most significant diplomatic triumph to date, and is viewed in Cairo as vindicating the policy it has pursued since president Anwar Sadat visited Jerusalem in 1977.

A far more meaningful victory would be its readmission into the Arab League, which also suspended Egypt because of the peace treaty. But this appears highly unlikely for the present.

The Arab League, unlike the ICO,

works strictly by consensus, and Syria, Libya and a few other hard-core rejectionists are certain to turn the tables on moderates who pressed for Egypt's readmission to the ICO when the league meets in Riyadh late in March.

Meanwhile, Egypt continues to rebuild its ties with the moderate states, particularly Jordan and Iraq, both of which Mubarak is reportedly to visit soon.

Jordan has officially invited Mubarak, apparently in the hope of launching some form of tripartite Jordan-Egypt-PLO peace initiative.

The PLO has already made its peace with Egypt, with chairman Yasser Arafat meeting with Mubarak in Cairo soon after his evacuation from Lebanon last year and playing a leading role in Casablanca in pushing for Egypt's readmission to the ICO.

SAUDI ARMS AND ISRAELI STRATEGY

By YOSEF GOELL

AS USUAL, we get sidetracked by marginal issues and miss the main point.

By "we," I mean mostly the media, which determines the agenda for the public's attention, both here and abroad; by "marginal issues," I mean the flap that was set off last weekend over an unguarded statement made to a reporter for the German newspaper *Die Welt* by the director-general of the Prime Minister's Office, Mattityahu Shmuelovitz; and by the "main point," I mean a realistic assessment of Israel's options in the face of Bonn's apparent determination to go through with its DM 14 billion (\$5 billion) arms deal with Saudi Arabia.

The flap, a short-lived one as these things go, centred around the question of whether or not Shmuelovitz had actually told the German reporter that if the proposed arms deal went through, Israel might be forced into launching a pre-emptive strike against Saudi Arabia.

It appears that Shmuelovitz did speak of a hypothetical need for such a pre-emptive strike, but that he did not mention Saudi Arabia specifically by name as the target for such an act. The chronically inaccurate Kol Israel radio added the name, which was only implied in the original statement.

But all of this is of marginal importance, as is the issue of whether Shmuelovitz should have made the statement at all. He was obviously not speaking for himself, despite his claim to the contrary in the interview. It is certainly legitimate to question the wisdom of the instructions from on high that Shmuelovitz must have gotten and that he went

on to exceed. But that, too, is not the point.

THE POINT is that it is totally unreasonable, and foolhardy, to expect Israel to sit and do nothing in the face of a prospective major escalation in the arming of its Arab enemies. And all indications are that Israel failed to dissuade Chancellor Kohl from going ahead with the Saudi arms deal during his recent visit.

This failure is of a piece with Israel's failure to dissuade the Reagan Administration from going ahead with plans to sell AWACS and F-15 fighter planes to Riyadh, and with the impossibility of even talking to the French on their not going ahead with plans for major arms sales to the House of Saud.

From an Israeli point of view these major arms deals must be seen in the context of the major rearming of the Syrian army by the Soviet Union; of the quiet but steady rebuilding of the Egyptian army by the U.S.; and of the possibility of a more surreptitious major arming of Iraq from the West.

But should Saudi Arabia be seen as "an Arab enemy" by Israel, despite the cynical protestations of Bonn that Riyadh is not a belligerent in a war zone and thus exempt from the self-imposed German limitations on whom it should accept as an innocent customer for its lethal armaments?

Hitherto, the answer would not have been an unequivocal yes. To be sure, Saudi Arabia, and the House of Saud, have been in the forefront of venomous vocal hostility to Israel and to its existence. They have also been more than a minor irritant to Israel as the major financier of the PLO and of the arms drives of such obvious

enemies as Syria and Iraq.

But as the possessor of one of the smallest armies in the Arab world and one of its technologically most backward populations, Saudi Arabia was not an enemy of a magnitude that justified any Israeli determination to broaden the compass of its armed struggle with the Arab world.

But it is specifically this technological backwardness that makes Saudi Arabia such a major threat when it is combined with its ability to buy arms in undreamt of quantities and of unprecedented sophistication.

It is obvious that Saudi Arabia has no potential for using all the German, French and American arms it will be getting, by itself. The intention is for it to become the major armory for the surrounding Arab world, which despite all the empty Western talk of "moderation" and "peace processes" is still determined to annihilate Israel. The idea is for Saudi Arabia to become another Libya on a much grander scale; Libya as an armory for Soviet-supplied arms, Saudi Arabia for Western arms.

WHEN CONFRONTED with such threats in the past, Israel has nearly always had recourse to preemptive strikes, and justifiably so. The immediate *cassus belli* for the Sinai campaign in 1956 was the destabilizing Soviet-supplied arms, build-up in Egypt, which was aimed entirely at an as yet primitively armed IDF.

In the early 1960's Israel turned to its Mossad to strike at German scientists in Egypt and in Germany who were working on Nasser's grandiose scheme for Egyptian land-to-land missiles, aimed only at Israel. And the Israel Air Force was the

Dry Bones



surgical scalpel used in 1981 to excise the cancer of the French-built nuclear reactor in Baghdad.

The irony of the present situation is that it is the spiralling arming of Saudi Arabia by the Western powers that is fast turning that country into an inescapable target for similar Israeli action in the future.

And what the Europeans especially should be made aware of is that if Israel is ever pushed into taking such action it is unreasonable to expect that it will be aimed only at military targets. For the Saudi and Gulf States' oil that lies behind the European determination to flood the area with arms, which cannot but be turned against Israel, will be a strategic target of equal if not greater importance.

To be sure, the fact that Saudi Arabia is today seen as a paramount American interest in this area is a primary force for Israeli reticence.

But in an "eve-of-war situation" in which a military buildup and the coalescence of an "eastern front" against Israel is in its final stages, such reticence will in all likelihood be overruled despite the very real danger of a breaking of ranks with our American overlords.

There is a broad consensus in Israel's military and political communities that the decision by Prime Minister Golda Meir not to launch a preemptive air strike against the Egyptian and Syrian forces on the morning of the Yom Kippur war in 1973 out of consideration for Israel's image in the eyes of the American Government was a near fatal mistake.

It is a mistake that will not be repeated if similar circumstances arise in the future.

The writer is a member of The Jerusalem Post editorial staff.

THE NANNY LAW

By D'VORA BEN SHAUL

plans are already afoot to inhibit the smoker further by rescinding the paragraphs that would allow a library to provide a separate room for smokers, or a city from having one cinema where smoking is permitted.

Of course, the law was an easy one to pass. How many members of Knesset have you seen on an inter-urban bus lately? Or in a sherrut? Or

in any other of the places frequented by ordinary mortals?

The police in Israel use the fact that they are overworked to cover almost all failures today, and indeed there aren't nearly enough officers to enforce the existing laws. Now, it seems, they will also be forced to come running each time some irate citizen calls in that someone is smoking a cigarette. Surely they

have more important things to do.

And this business of transport. What will the driver do if someone on the bus refuses to put out a cigarette? Remove him or her from the bus by force? Refuse to travel? Drive to the police station? And if a passenger tells the sherrut driver to put out his cigarette, will he do so? I doubt it. We will have just one more situation in which people vent their

frustrations by screaming at one another and enjoying a momentary power trip.

I REALLY can't take either side of this too seriously. Most of the real objections I have met are so neurotic that the whole issue is obviously blown out of all proportion. One side saying "You can't tell me what to do" and the other, feeling very righteous, shouting "I'll show you who's boss here."

In the meantime, as the non-smokers complain that damage will be done to their health if others smoke, not a thought is given to the pedestrian forced to inhale the exhaust fumes from the private cars that pass him or her at the kerb. Nor has anyone taken a bit of notice of the fact that aerosol sprays are liberally used almost everywhere, and they've been proven dangerous.

Once again, however, Israel has proven itself to be not only holier than the Pope but more "American" than the Americans. Though the latter have led the world in their anti-smoking campaign, they still allow smoking in the back rows of inter-urban buses. The sign there reads clearly, "Smoking permitted — cigarettes only — no cigars — no grass."

The writer is a member of The Jerusalem Post editorial staff.

READERS' LETTERS

STRIKES

To the Editor of The Jerusalem Post Sir, — We are witnessing with complete helplessness a series of strikes that undermine our exports, our economy and even our defence. Our state, which was built on sacrifices of idealists, is being destroyed by the selfishness of narrow-interest groups. The fact that we are still at war with numerically superior enemies with practically unlimited financial means for purchase of the most advanced weapons willingly supplied by both the Soviets and the Western powers is completely disregarded by the strikers, busily engaged in cutting the branch they (and we all) are sitting on.

Unless we replace the business-as-usual-psychology by the concept of a state of emergency — we are doomed. One shouldn't be castigated as anti-Histadrut or anti-labour if one believes that, in the present state of emergency, strikes damaging export and defence should be prohibited by law, exactly like the strikes in the army and the police, with the only difference that, in the case of the civilians, the labour dispute should be submitted to compulsory arbitration.

Dr. JACOB ROSIN
Netanya.

MICE PLAGUE

To the Editor of The Jerusalem Post Sir, — I should like to report that as we foresaw and forewarned at the time, since the municipality's overzealous destruction of cats in our region, we are now afflicted with a rat and mice plague, the likes of which we haven't seen.

This apparently is the inevitable penalty for upsetting nature's delicate environmental balance.

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TEACHING AIDS

To the Editor of The Jerusalem Post Sir, — I was surprised and shocked to see in your paper a few days ago a picture of a classroom of young pupils equipped with earphones, listening to a recording of a story. Equipment such as this, while helpful in a language laboratory, is a flagrant waste of public money and entirely unnecessary in a junior classroom situation.

I am an ex-primary school teacher myself and am not in favour of gimmicks of this nature, which do nothing for the pupil, except tickle his pride and amuse him for a short time, as do expensive toys. Both provide a good income to the manufacturer, but do not replace the care and love which parents and teachers may provide.

I was further shocked to read about the proposed cuts in teaching hours as one of the economy measures proposed by the present government. Neither teaching programmes (which have a limited use in secondary schools and have been used in addition to the teacher in Britain) nor such oral aids as recorded stories will ever replace the teacher. Surely, if money is scarce — which it is — cuts should be made in unnecessary, wasteful innovations, and not in teaching staff.

By all means try to raise the standard of teaching if possible, but do not provide the children with expensive equipment which does not further their development.
Jerusalem.
S. STURROCK

DISGRACEFUL POSTAL SYSTEM

To the Editor of The Jerusalem Post Sir, — Arthur Super's letter from London about the impossible postal services here is most timely.

My son, who lives in Jerusalem, has abandoned the usual airmail letter which takes 14-30 days to arrive in London and uses the expensive express post which brings the letters in eight to ten days!

How can citizens here, whose family and business ties are so vital-

ly connected with outside countries, tolerate such a disgraceful and inefficient postal system (or lack of it)?

It must be most discouraging to people contemplating aliyah to know how difficult it will be to keep in touch with their families overseas from here.

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